

to expose, the fact that there is corruption on the Bench. The suitors, members of the Bar and people of the Province of Manitoba know the facts, and yet have been deterred from preferring charges for fear of the vengeance of the said Hon. Edmund Burke Wood, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench for the Province of Manitoba, should he succeed in escaping the charges made against him. The facts aforesaid, if they are not all within the personal knowledge of your petitioners, are most of them matters of public notoriety, and have come to the knowledge of your petitioners in such a manner as to render them worthy of credit and belief.

That your petitioners are in a position to prove that all the facts and complaints above set forth are susceptible of undeniable proof.

Wherefore your petitioners pray your honorable House to take this their petition into favorable consideration and deal therewith in conformity to law and justice and the interests of the pure administration of justice and the public service.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

HENRY J. CLARKE, Q. C.
W. BOYLE, Farmer, South Dufferin.
T. J. BRADLEY, J. P.
J. E. COOPER.

WINNIPEG, MAN., January 3rd, 1881.

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To an ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated 13th February, 1882:—

For a Copy in full of the Answer of Honorable Edmund Burke Wood, Chief Justice of the Province of Manitoba, to the Petition of Henry J. Clarke, Q. C., of Winnipeg, and others, presented to the House of Commons 4th March, 1881, said Answer being reputed to contain fourteen chapters.

By Command,

J. A. MOUSSEAU,

Department of the Secretary of State,
24th March, 1882.

Secretary of State.

INTRODUCTION.

16th August, 1881.

To the Governor General in Council.

May it please Your Excellency in Council,—

I have examined the charges preferred against me in my official capacity as Chief Justice of Manitoba, in a petition purporting to be subscribed by Henry J. Clarke, Q. C., F. T. Bradley, Johnson E. Cooper and William Boyle, a copy of which has been transmitted by the Hon. Secretary of State for Canada, for my perusal and observation in the order in which they are presented in the petition.

The petition naturally divides itself into fourteen paragraphs, and I have accordingly, in considering it, separated it into fourteen chapters, making each chapter the subject of separate observations.