

Mr. Mackenzie wishes me to say that he was prepared to see the Deputation yesterday or this morning, and that he will be glad by your having the goodness to inform them that if it suits their convenience he will be glad to receive them to-morrow morning.

Respectfully yours,

WM. BUCKINGHAM.

JAMES METCALFE, Esq.,

House of Commons,

Yet Mr. Mackenzie, a few hours previously, had positively denied having received any such letter as is now above acknowledged.

UNION HOUSE, OTTAWA, March 14th, 1878, 3 p.m.

*To James Metcalfe, Esq., M.P., Ottawa:*

DEAR SIR,—Permit me, on behalf of our Deputation, to thank you for the kind interest you have taken on their behalf relative to their communication with the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie. Also, for your kindness in placing in our hands Mr. Buckingham's letter to yourself, informing us of Mr. Mackenzie's readiness to receive the Deputation yesterday and to-morrow morning. This favour we are now obliged to decline, as the object of our mission has been disposed of in another way and our arrangements were previously made to return home this evening, Mr. Mackenzie having declined up to one o'clock to-day to take any notice of our communication to him, dated and posted in Toronto on the 7th inst., and we being in total ignorance of his willingness to receive our deputation at the time mentioned by Mr. Buckingham, which if we had known we would be only too glad to avail ourselves of an interview with the hon. the Premier; that being our object and desire, as made known to him in our letter of March 7th.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

On behalf of the Deputation,

Yours respectfully,

R. REYNOLDS.