

a select Committee of that Assembly, exposed and proved corruption and misrule to that extent that resistance to the order of the Clique was the theme of the population of Upper Canada, when resource was had to arms, would be selected as a leader, and as such you were placed as an outlaw from Canada.

As a Political Offender you took the chance of the struggle, & you have suffered for that part you took; but as I think too much <sup>over</sup> & too long. -

I have 6 times made application to the Ministers of the Crown here to grant an amnesty to all the political offenders in Canada, stating that, as the discontent was caused by misrule, oppression and corruption, the whole should be buried in oblivion as speedily as possible, but without success. On the birth of the first Princess by our Queen, I applied to the Ministers to grant a general amnesty and was refused. On the birth of the Prince of Wales, I repeated my application with similar want of success.

When Mr. Baldwin was Minister, I sent to him and to Mr. Hincks, copies of my correspondence with the Ministry for a general amnesty, and I requested them to apply to the Colonial Office for the same. They said the day was not come, and they never did it.

In May 1847 when Lord Palmerston, in interfering in the internal affairs of Portugal, made it one of the principal points in the Protocol, "that every man of whatever rank taken in arms in the field or otherwise should have an amnesty granted", I applied to have the pardon, or rather the amnesty extended to you and two others from Canada, all that remained in exile; but my application was refused. I should have made it the subject of a specific motion in the House of Commons, if I had not been advised to allow the Government to do the act themselves. They have one by one removed the outlawry until you alone remain.

On the 15th inst. I waited on Earl Grey and solicited from him an amnesty for you, the only remnant of Canada's victims, he refused to originate any steps for your pardon, as the charges against you were serious, but that he would receive favorably any resolution or representation from the Government of Canada in your favor.

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