

Memorialist went to Quebec, and had a personal interview with Sir Francis, who was pleased to say that he had been given to understand your Memorialist had not yet resided a sufficient length of time in the Province to entitle him to the reference prayed for. - Your Memorialist then begged that the matter might be allowed to rest undecided until Your Excellency's return from Scotland, as the first application had been made to your Excellency accompanied by Certificates and recommendations from various respectable individuals in and about Montreal, and your Excellency being in possession of these, was well acquainted with his Character & Pretensions.

To this request His Excellency Sir Francis Nathaniel Burton was pleased to accede!

Since then your Memorialist has learned that a private letter had been written by Doctor DuRoi of Lacadie containing among other matters prejudicial to your Memorialist's interest, an assertion that he had not resided seven years in Canada.

Your Excellency will perceive by the accompanying Affidavits of Mr. James Young Merchant of Montreal and Mr. Thomas McLaren, that your Memorialist has bona fide resided in Canada upwards of seven years, and for further particulars regarding his respectability & Connections he would beg to refer your Excellency to his first Petition & documents, dated in March 1822, as well as to the Header of this Memorial.

Your Memorialist conceives that he has peculiar claims on His Majesty's Government for the privileges of a Subject, his Father being an Englishman by birth, education & habits and all his Mother's family having expatriated themselves from the place of their birth (now the United States of America) and lost their whole worldly wealth for their attachment to their King & Government; - They and their families are now, and have been settled in this Country ever since the Revolution and in the bosom of their circle your Memorialist now resides having a wife & children all British Subjects by birth. - Your Memorialist would therefore feel it hard that the accidental circumstance of being