

was also examined. The Association in question was then formed, and the plaintiff himself, Sir Allan M'Nab, Mr. Buckerfield, and others, formed it, the Duke of Argyll being president; its double object being to relieve the distress in the Highlands, and to promote colonization in Canada. He met the plaintiff, as secretary to the Nova Scotia Baronets, at the Thatched-house Tavern, their object being to devise means to revive their claims to the Nova Scotia lands, and it was thought the projected colonization might forward their object. He returned to England in March 1842, and was acting as emigration agent during that time. He was accompanied by Sir Allan M'Nab, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, and the person whose name appeared in the executive council of this Association.

The resolutions of the original meeting, forming the Association, on the 2d of February 1842, were put in, proposing to establish the Association by the subscription of shares, the profits to be divided amongst the proprietors, and holding out lands for the colonization of Highlanders on terms of £1 an acre for the purchase; these lands to be purchased by the Association with the amount of the shares.

Examination continued—He was present at a meeting at No. 29, Bridge Street, Blackfriars, when certain members of the Association were constituted the Consulting Council, on the 22d of April 1842. The Duke of Argyll presided. Sir William Dunbar, Sir James Hay, Sir Allan M'Nab, Sir J. Cockburn, Sir W. Bruce, Mr. Andrews, and Mr. Buckerfield, were there. Mr. Buckerfield acted as secretary. (The minute-book, containing the minutes of the meeting, was put in, and the minutes read.) The Association was first styled "The Scottish and British-American Association," and afterwards "The British-American Association." (It appeared that the printed document circulated and published, and which purported to be a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the "Court of the Consulting Council" at that meeting, was not an exact copy of the proceedings, but contained the substance of the minutes.) On the 29th of April 1842, there was another meeting of the "Consulting Council," at which the Marquis of Downshire presided, and several baronets were there.

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