

On the morning of the 10th of January, General Theller made an attempt to batter the town of Amherstberg, in front, with a schooner and three guns, whilst the main body, 2,000 strong, were to attack it in flank. On sailing down the stream between the town of Amherstberg and the island opposite, he received a severe fire from our volunteers, placed in ambush, killing those on deck. The steersman was shot at the helm; and as there was no person to guide the vessel, she grounded on a sand bar, our volunteers taking possession of her, with General Theller and many other prisoners, three pieces of cannon, 500 stand of arms: all of which has been the result of your Memorialist's efforts. Their main body, seeing their vessel in our possession, retired to their rendezvous and dispersed for the time. To show the feeling which my conduct created against me, I need only say, that I had to leave my situation (which I held under the State of Michigan), for my life was frequently threatened. I was in consequence compelled to break up my little home and establishment—to sell my guns, books, furniture and collection, at an immense sacrifice, for the purpose of taking my family to Upper Canada. In addition to this, I lost all that was due to me (viz., 500 dollars) for my disinterested loyalty to serve my Queen and country.

To prevent repetition, however, or unnecessary trouble, your Memorialist begs leave to refer your Lordship to the accompanying statement (which he published in the year 1840), p. 14. This he was compelled to do in consequence of the cruel treatment which he met with from his Government, whom he served; and often when he asked that Government for bread, for himself and his distressed family, they have not done so (and, as it were, given him a stone in return). On the arrival of Sir George Arthur from Upper Canada, in 1841, your Memorialist laid his papers before him. Sir George then stated that he was indeed sorry for Memorialist's situation, but that he (Sir George) was not to blame—that he intended to investigate Memorialist's claim in Upper Canada, was it not that the great press of business prevented him; but that Lord John Russell had taken the matter out of his hands, by writing a despatch to Lord Sydenham, ordering his Lordship to send an agent to the city of Detroit to inquire of Governor Mason to know what my services were worth, and the cause of the loss of my situation.

Governor Mason being absent at the time, Mr. McKenzie, his Lordship's agent, was referred to Doctor Houghton, the State Geologist, under whom I served. That Dr. Houghton told Mr. McKenzie that I was a good tradesman and artist, and a man capable of carrying out an enterprise to its fullest extent; but that I insulted their citizens, and that the State authorities had to dismiss me from their service on account of the active part I had taken in the Rebellion. My reply to Sir George was, that