

I think, however, that your public services, while I administered the Government of Lower Canada, demand from me an expression of my opinion of your claims, and that even at this late period a letter from me will not be unacceptable to you, although your prospects are not likely to be improved by my recommendation or influence.

I shall now advert to the circumstances which first brought your services under my notice, and which led to your being employed under my authority in consequence of my acquaintance with your zeal and exertions, and my desire to place you in a situation where the public might derive advantage from your ability, knowledge of the country, and your active habits.

On my arrival at Montreal in 1837, the first subject I pressed on the consideration of the Attorney General was the necessity of selecting an active magistrate to superintend the police arrangements in Montreal, and to be made responsible for obtaining correct information as to the state of affairs in the district and in the province generally. You were immediately fixed on by him as a fit person for that important appointment, and promised, I believe, £400 per annum conditionally. Lord Gosford on hearing of your being employed objected to your appointment, and was so irritated at the nomination which the Attorney General had made and wrote to him in such harsh terms, that the affair was nearly leading to a serious misunderstanding between them.

On that occasion I stated to the Attorney General that although it would not have been proper on my part to have proposed a person for employment under the local government so objectionable to him, I should have no hesitation in attaching you to the Military Staff, since your appointment had not originated with me, and a promise had been made to you by the Attorney General. You accompanied Colonel Wetherall to the Richelieu, then the Head Quarters of revolt, and afterwards you were found useful in the march to the *Rivière du Chêne*; and your zeal and activity induced those officers to represent to me in the strongest terms the assistance they had received from you.

After my return to Montreal in 1837, my time was entirely occupied by the proceedings in Upper Canada, the menaced incursions on the frontier of Lower Canada and the forma-