

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
OF THE PROVINCE OF CANADA, IN PROVINCIAL
PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED :

*The Petition of the undersigned, Members of the Legal
Profession,*

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

That your Petitioners, regarding the due administration of the Law to be a matter of paramount importance, beg leave respectfully to invite the attention of your Honourable House, to the present constitution of the Courts of Justice within the limits of Upper Canada.

There exists here but one Superior Court of common law-jurisdiction, from the judgments of which there is, in effect, no appeal, except to Her Majesty in Council ; a remedy at once so dilatory and expensive, as to render the decisions of the Court here, practically conclusive upon the rights of suitors.

The Court of Chancery, on the other hand, is presided over by a single Judge, to whose unassisted judgment are thus conceded, matters of the utmost nicety and the greatest importance, whilst his decisions are only to be relieved against, by an application to a Court composed of the Judges of the Court of Common Law,—a remedy inefficient in itself, and at the same time so costly, as to render acquiescence in the primary judgment, in most cases, an evil of less magnitude than even a successful appeal.

The state of things thus pointed out is, in the estimation of your Petitioners, ill calculated to secure that due