

Ans. 724. Did the Governor General send down to the House of Assembly on 6th May, instant, the document so applied for?—Ans. The return to the said Address was laid before the House by the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, on 6th May, instant; it contains the application prayed for.

Ques. 725. Are the contents of the document so sent down by the Governor General as the application on which Cameron was pardoned, as follows :

*"To His Excellency the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine,
"Baron Elgin, K. T., Governor General of British North America, and
"Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Can-
"ada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, &c.,
"&c., &c., &c."*

"THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

"HUMBLY SHEWETH :

"That at the Criminal Term held at the City of Montreal, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-three, one Hugh Cameron was convicted of the crime of murder of his wife, but that the circumstances of the case being, in the opinion of the Jury, of an extenuative character, they strongly recommended that the extreme penalty of the law should not be executed, and His Honor, the presiding Judge, acting on the said recommendation, sentenced the said Hugh Cameron to imprisonment in the Provincial Penitentiary for the term of fourteen years, which sentence has been duly carried into effect, and the said Hugh Cameron is still in the Penitentiary undergoing the punishment so ordered to be inflicted on him.

"That Your Petitioners have good reason to believe that the conduct of the said Hugh Cameron, has, whilst in prison, been of the most exemplary character; and that he is duly impressed with the enormity of the crime, which in a moment of passion, and when bereft of reason, and under the influence of intoxication, he committed, and that Your Petitioners have been led to understand that the Commissioners appointed to examine into the conduct of the Penitentiary have strongly recommended the said Hugh Cameron to Your Excellency's clemency, with a view that the remainder of his imprisonment be dispensed with.

"That from the information derived from the said Commissioners, and from officers of the prison, Your Petitioners feel a confident assurance that should it be Your Excellency's pleasure to grant a pardon to the said prisoner, and thus to shorten the duration of his imprisonment, he will be a steady and useful member of society.

"Your Petitioners would further respectfully state, that prior to the commission of the act which has led to the incarceration of the said Hugh Cameron, he bore a most excellent character for honesty, and that at the time of his trial numerous witnesses of the highest respectability gave the most favorable testimony on his behalf.

"Wherefore Your Petitioners respectfully pray, That Your Excellency will be pleased to take the premises into your favorable consideration, and that you will grant a discharge from the residue of the term of imprisonment to which the said Hugh Cameron was sentenced,

"And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

"Montreal, February 1852.

"(Signed)

CHARLES WILSON, Mayor,

"W. BRISTOW,

"A. MATHIESON, D. D.,

Minister of St. Andrew's Church,

"PETER MCGILL,