

6. That an appeal was then taken out by the Government solicitor to the Supreme Court at Ottawa, and being prevented by sickness from attending the argument of the appeal personally, and being personally unknown by any of their Lordships, the Judge's petitioner suffered the ruinous injustice of his personal testimony being discredited and of having a judgment entered against him for the full amount of the fraudulent penalty of \$2,000.00 and about \$600.00 for costs, and on the sole ground of petitioner's testimony being disbelieved, and which testimony was uncontradicted either by Hall or Corbitt, the plaintiff's witnesses; Hall being called to prove the signing and *sealing* of the bond, and Corbitt to prove that petitioner swore to the affidavit of justification before him.
7. That your Honors will, I doubt not, clearly apprehend the injustice of which petitioner complains from the foregoing narrative of facts:—Beginning with a vile fraud of a Government officer, aided in his fraud by a weak-minded and thoughtless magistrate who falsely endorsed the affidavit of justification annexed to the alleged bond as sworn to before him, and thereby preventing petitioner's inspection of the paper as it came from Van Blareom's hand, and the litigation which terminated in the reversal of two successive judgments in his favor in the Courts of his own Province and a judgment rendered against him at Ottawa for the fraudulent penalty of two thousand dollars, and upward of six hundred dollars costs, besides his expenditure of about seven hundred dollars on his defence against a monstrous fraud by an officer of the Government, and culminating in petitioner's liability upon a financially ruinous judgment against him presenting the unique characteristic of being unsustained by either Law or Fact.

Your Honors' petitioner therefore prays, that Parliament will accord to his case, in view of the facts embodied in his petition, its most favourable consideration, and to indicate such course as will relieve him from an unjust liability and financial ruin at the near close of his long life.

And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.,

THOMAS WILLARD CHESLEY.

Granville, Co. Annapolis, }
Nova Scotia, December, 1895. }