

asked for was withheld, and therefore it is presumed no action had then been taken in the matter.

I am now directed to enquire:—First: Is it the intention of the Governor in Council to consider the subject of the petition of the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West? Secondly: If the Governor in Council does intend to consider the matter of the said petition, when is such action likely to take place? Thirdly: Shall the petitioners be informed of the decision of the Governor in Council on their petition?

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. REYNOLDS.

For seventeen days longer we waited a reply, but no reply came, not even the acknowledgment of the receipt of our letter of the 12th April, quoted above. As with the Premier, so with the Secretary of State—these gentlemen could not afford to be civil or courteous to those who approached them in a courteous and respectful manner. It now became evident that if a reply was to be had at all it must be wrung from the Government, and accordingly the following course was adopted. The following letter was sent to Mr. W. C. Little, M.P., Simcoe:

TORONTO, 20th April, 1878.

To W. C. Little, Esq., M.P., Ottawa:

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly oblige the Deputation of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West by asking the Government, from your seat on the floor of the House, why the petition of the Orange Deputation, placed in the hands of the Secretary of State on the 14th day of March last, has not been answered.

Yours fraternally,

R. REYNOLDS.

It will be seen by the following from the notice

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