

with alarming consequences to your memorialist; and which, with his numerous family, could not fail to involve him in very serious embarrassments.

That in consequence of the salary formerly granted by the Home Government to the office of Sheriff having ceased, your memorialist conceived that the right of appointment was vested exclusively in your Excellency, and had consequently the greater confidence in accepting the same at your Excellency's hands, not doubting that he should be permanently fixed therein.

Your memorialist's long and faithful services have been so often brought under the consideration of his Majesty's Government, and his strong claims on their protection so repeatedly urged by several distinguished persons, that he considers it superfluous again to trouble the Secretary of State with a recapitulation of them.

Memorialist, however, takes the liberty to subjoin copies of two letters* from the Colonial Department,—the first to your Excellency's predecessor from Earl Bathurst,—and the second from Mr. Hay, by direction of Mr. Secretary Stanley, to the hon. Mr. Ponsonby, M. P., by which it will be perceived that the claims of your memorialist, though now he fears in danger of being overlooked, have, on a former occasion, been duly appreciated at the Colonial Office.

With reference to the office of Deputy Naval Officer, which he held for several years, your memorialist would beg to state, that on the abolition of that office in 1825, the duties whereof he discharged, the principal, R. H. Noble, Esq., although resident in England, and never having executed the duties of the said office in person, was allowed, and still enjoys, a pension to a considerable amount; and from the Treasury minute respecting compensation for services in such offices, memorialist had hoped something would have been done for himself; memorialist, therefore, trusts that your Excellency will do him the further favour of representing to his Majesty's Secretary of State, how extremely hard his case would be should he be deprived of his present office, and he confidently relies on your Excellency's kind disposition to second his prayer, and on the justice of his Majesty's Government for a confirmation of your Excellency's appointment.

(Signed)

A. HOGSETT;

St. John's, 5th December, 1835.

See pp 4 & 5.