

prospects blighted, my time wasted, and my health impaired, because with a ~~too~~ and ~~at~~, but not on that account a less laudable loyalty, I abandoned the favourable and flattering prospects which lay before me, to devote myself to the service of my Queen and country—is it ~~not~~ cruel in the extreme to be thus deserted in my utinost need, because I have no powerful friend to urge my claim to a successful issue?

Having been thus cast off by Government, possessing no means, seeing no prospect before me, distant from my family, who must by ~~this~~ time be dependent upon strangers for a precarious support—and that is the most galling of my accumulated sufferings—I have no other resource than to throw myself upon the generosity of a British public, whose sympathies have never been withheld from those who can establish a claim upon them. I struggled long before I could prevail upon myself to adopt this course. Whilst any means remained to me, I bore up, with the hope that Government would at length be induced to acknowledge my claims, or that some opening would occur for the pursuit of my profession. My all is now gone. This is my last resource. My only hope is in the generosity of a British public, and in the beneficence of those noblemen and gentlemen whose property in the Canadas I have been mainly instrumental in protecting from the rapacity of lawless plunderers.

I have the honour to be,
With most unfeigned respect,
Your very obedient servant,
WILLIAM P. SMITH.

P.S. The following documents, now in my possession, together with the others referred to in the letter of Lord Howard, I can produce in support of the correctness of my statement:—

1st. A commission appointing me Assistant Geologist to the State of Michigan, together with a circular addressed to the citizens of the State to assist me in my researches.

2nd. A testimonial, signed by the President and Council of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec (of which I am a corresponding member), certifying as to my abilities, and that I lost my situation in Michigan in consequence of my efforts to quell the Rebellion in Canada.

3rd. A certificate from Colonel Townsend, dated Montreal, 1st of September, 1838, of my having served as a volunteer under his command at the attack of Fighting Island.

4th. A certificate from Dr. Skey, Inspector-General of Hospitals at Quebec, as to my character generally, and also confirmation of my statement and the consequent loss of my appointment.

5th. A letter from G. Butler, Esq., dated Castle of St. Lewis,