

And the said Petition was brought up and read :—**SETTING FORTH** :—That the Petitioner did, by agreement made and passed before *Michel Berthelot*, Notary Public at *Quebec*, bearing date the 1st June, 1808, contract with *Louis De Salaberry*, *John Blackwood*, and *Amable Berthelot D'Artigny*, Esquires, Commissioners appointed for the erecting of a Common Gaol in the District of *Quebec*, under the Provincial Act of the 45th of His Majesty, Chap. 13, intituled, "An Act for the erecting of a Common Gaol in each of the Districts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, respectively, and the means for defraying the expenses thereof," for the building of the Timber Work of the said Common Gaol at *Quebec*, and furnishing all the necessary timber, at the rates and prices set forth and contained in the said agreement.—That at the time the Petitioner entered into the said agreement, the prices of labor and timber were such as to give him a reasonable hope that at the rates and prices stipulated and agreed upon by and between him and the said Commissioners, he would be able to fulfil his contract with advantage, or at least without a loss; but the Petitioner is sorry to observe to the House, that from the unprecedented augmentation in the prices of labor and materials which immediately ensued, and has since continued to increase, he has been most considerably disappointed in his expectations and calculations; whereby, so far from making a profit, or even saving himself, he will have sustained, by the fulfilment of his contract in building the said Timber Work, which is now entirely finished, a loss of eight hundred pounds currency, as will be made appear to the House by the statement hereunto annexed, and admeasurement of the said Timber Work.—That the Petitioner, under the impression of the justice and liberality of the Provincial Legislature which he entertains, and of the truth of the allegations hereof, humbly comes forward to solicit that aid and indemnification for his loss aforesaid, which none but the House, and the other two Honorable Branches of the Legislature, can afford him.—Wherefore, the Petitioner prays that the House will be pleased to take his case into consideration, and grant him relief therein, by the introduction and passing a Bill, appropriating for his indemnification that sum which shall be proved to the House that he has lost, or by such other ways and means, as the House, in its wisdom, shall seem meet.

(On motion of Mr. Mure, seconded by Mr. Huot ;

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