

Hamilton March 7<sup>th</sup> 1849

Sir

Some time ago whilst discussing the subjects of Settlers on Leases in Fuscara &c at the bar of Mr Roach in Caledonia. the Stage arrived and by it a Gentleman who became very shortly a most attentive listener to my detail of the hardships and sufferings of these poor fellows - The remark of "the Stage being ready Mr Sullivan" and being then on my way to Toronto to retain the services of Mr S. I addressed you thereupon and found out the mistake. You however entered very kindly into the affair and perused with much interest the printed documents I then placed in your hands - promising in parting that in case the Settlers did not receive at the hands of the Government the justice which was so loudly called for and the Matter should be introduced to the notice of their Representatives in Parliament. you would give it all your support and influence - It was so introduced - you supported the Petition

and also a second one rendered necessary by the false allegations made upon the first in Committee - you also <sup>mediation of</sup> upon that Petition prayed the House to dispense with its usual forms so as since Petition may be fully brought before it - prior to the anticipated speedy prorogation <sup>House</sup>

that Petition printed by its order now lies before the

The reasons for my not attending upon the next sitting of the House is explained in the Memorial No 13 to Lord Elgin printed copy subjoined. at which time I addressed to you a further petition to the House stating my position and praying its protection. believing such incarceration had been effected and that I had been thus singled out for the purpose of preventing my attendance in Montreal. In that letter I have