

12. That the present position of your Petitioner is a painful and serious one, and deserving of the favourable consideration of your Excellency in Council. In the enjoyment of what he had reason to suppose was a permanent appointment in the Civil Service of Canada, at a salary of \$700 per annum, representing the sum of \$11,667 capitalized at 6%, with the chances of promotion under the rules of the Service, and having contributed annually the sum 2% interest of his salary as a provision for his retirement, your Petitioner suddenly found himself arrested and imprisoned upon a charge which proved to be so false and groundless that it was not even sufficient to make out a *prima facie* case against him. While in prison and treated as a felon, the Post Office Authorities at London made further charges against him, which were even more utterly untenable than those on which he was put upon his trial. In addition thereto, while actually under commitment on the charges for which he was afterwards arraigned, the Post Office Inspector at London importuned him to *confess his crime*, and held out as an inducement when he did so, that he would be permitted to put in *worthless* bail and be allowed to escape, and when your Petitioner, innocent of any crime, indignantly refused to *confess*, a system of persecution was commenced, and several other false charges were brought against him, not one of which was proved, in the hope of frightening him to make a false confession, in order, as your Petitioner believes, to screen the person who was actually guilty of the crime.

13. After being honourably acquitted at the trial under the direction of the presiding Judge, your Petitioner was instantly dismissed from the Service without being allowed any opportunity of explanation, or without being called upon to vindicate his character or establish his innocence; his means of support for himself and family taken away; his chances of promotion gone; with his character blasted, his reputation ruined, the stigma of crime indelibly stamped upon him, and with no hope of obtaining employment elsewhere till he had established his innocence.

14. As an example of the animus of the parties engaged in the attempt to destroy the reputation of your Petitioner, it may be mentioned that, a clerk in the London Post Office, who was one of the principal witnesses on the part of the prosecution, swore on the trial that he had been in the habit of setting traps, by decoy letters, to try and trap your Petitioner, but further stated that in no single instance had he been successful, and that this espionage was carried on at the instigation of the Post Office Inspector or his Deputy.

Under these circumstances your Petitioner submits, that his case is one of very great hardship, and that Your Excellency, as a simple act of justice, will order an enquiry thereinto.

Your Petitioner, therefore, respectfully prays that he be granted an investigation into all the circumstances connected with the case, and that the Honourable Mr. Justice Galt be called upon for an Official Report thereof, as it appeared when he was the presiding Judge of Assize, and thus your Petitioner be permitted to produce evidence in