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A STATEMENT OF FACTS

RELATIVE TO

THE DISMISSAL

OF

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LATE POSTMASTER OF THE CITY OF TORONTO, U.C.

“ He hoped honorable Members would regulate their conduct by the rules of *British justice*. Had they ever known an instance of a Government doing away with the the appointment of an Officer who did no wrong, in order to give it to Another?” - *Extract from Mr. Attorney General Hagerman’s Speech on the Registry Bill, March 2nd, 1839.*

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my family, my character, and my feelings. It only remained to me to express to Mr. Berczy my views on his course, as I had to the Provincial and Imperial Governments those parts of the business with which they had to do - stating the several grounds on which I had reason to believe him the interested instrument in my removal from office and the consequent sufferings of myself and family.

The case then is left in this position: after fifteen months’ endeavour to obtain enquiry, and the written promise of the Secretary of State to a member of the British House of Commons that such inquiry should be made, I am peremptorily and finally refused a hearing; at the same time I am deprived of the fruits of eighteen years. Service to the British Crown, and obliged to bear a very serious deterioration of my private property in the contemplated removal of the Post-Office business, for which the premises were built. These injuries are inflicted upon me, though a loyal subject and a faithful servant of my sovereign. They are the result either of private slander to which Sir Francis Bond Head and Sir George Arthur have stooped to listen, or of

some underhand scheme which has not been allowed to see the light. I cannot but suppose that the pretended charges against me are suspected to be untrue, or investigation would not have been withheld, despite the claims of justice, custom, public opinion, and the directions of the Home Government. Wronged, however, though I am, I am glad that I have never, by action or omission, injured the British authority - and suffering though I am, and probably long shall be, I never will intentionally injure that authority. Driven I may be to strange places and unknown pursuits to procure bread for my family, instead of that which another man is now eating - but this, and far more, would I bear rather than be the slanderer or the obstructor [sic] of justice that is exposed in the foregoing pages. I leave political theories to others - but of moral justice I hope always to be a friend.

J.S. HOWARD.

City of Toronto, March 20, 1839.