

he was requested to wait, yet he declined to wait, and on the 20th of July advertised the sale, and on the 30th of same July sold chief part of the goods, other part thereof not being thereat disposed of.

That the jewellery goods were of excellent quality, many being of the very best sort—partly of English manufacture from Falmouth, and partly Russian from Dantzic; some of the rings manufactured at Melbourne from colonial gold; that the sale (at which other jewellery of an inferior quality was intermixed) took place after a short notice of only 10 days (see advertisement), and was conducted altogether at Nelson, nearly all the lots being sold at a reckless rate, and oftentimes to Mr. Blackmore's party, amidst several of the attendants' cries of "Shame, shame!" some of the brooches being sold to Mr. George Coats, of Nelson, watchmaker, for 12s. 6d. which cost your Petitioner £3 15s., and which Mr. Coats afterwards sold for £4 4s.; gold watches being sold for £8 which cost your Petitioner £14 14s., and which Mr. Coats afterwards sold for that sum; gold thimbles which cost your Petitioner £1 10s. were sold for sixteen pence; rings which cost your Petitioner £5 5s. were sold for 7s. 6d.; a gold chain and seal, with other similar lots, were sold to Mr. Coats for 12s. 6d. each lot, for which your Petitioner paid £5 10s. in England, was by him re-purchased from Mr. Coats for, and he paid him £5 11s. (which receipt for re-sale can be produced); and that your Petitioner's wearing apparel, his hat, cap, stockings, &c., were also sold.

That although two of your Petitioner's nuggets of gold were also sold, yet he had four amongst his goods so seized, other two being also seized, worth together £120, and what became of them, as also divers of your Petitioner's gold watches, and also a handsome waistcoat, which were amongst the goods seized, and not amongst those sold (your Petitioner having attended the sale), and what became of his invoices, receipts, and testimonials, your Petitioner knows not, and cannot ascertain.

That on the 1st of August last the Colonial Secretary answered the memorials, and thereby, after enquiring into the matter, the goods were ordered to be surrendered to your Petitioner. But the answer arrived after (notwithstanding the Justices' request to the contrary) the sale had taken place.

That your Petitioner has never been informed what was the actual proceeds by sale of such of the goods as were sold, nor what is to be done with the others, which he has often demanded. That although he requested of Mr. Blackmore, both verbally and in writing, to know the amount of duties to be detained and paid for both the sold and unsold goods, and offered him divers receipts in different forms for whatever might be to be paid him, and even explained his willingness to sign any receipt whatever of his own drawing, on first having the liberty of showing the same to an English friend on his behalf; yet it was only after much trouble, expense, and loss of time, and after several hundreds of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Nelson, who were aware of the circumstances, again memorialized the Government, and expressed their regret at such cruel proceedings by a Government officer towards a poor Russian Pole, that he, on the 22nd of last February, was paid by the hands of Stephen Carcock, Esq., the collector at Wellington, the sum of £277 15s. 10d., as being remitted to him "on account of" the seizure, but no mention made as to the still unsold goods.

That it is now upwards of fifteen months since your Petitioner was thus deprived of his property, and thereby been rendered totally incapable during the interval of gaining his livelihood as hitherto. That the goods so seized were of the value of about £1300; that they consisted of as follows, namely:—Nine gold watches, two whereof cost your Petitioner £28 each, and the rest £14 each, in England; nineteen silver watches, some of which cost your Petitioner £6 10s., others £4 10s. each; eight long gold chains, some of which cost him £8, others £4 10s. each; nine Albert chains, which cost him £5 10s. each; about 100 gold rings, some of which cost him £5 5s. each, others not so much; about 45 gold brooches, some of which cost him £4 4s. each, others not so much; gold thimbles, which cost him £1 10s. each; besides gold and silver earrings, pencil-cases, seals, keys, gold spectacles, eye-glasses, &c.; upon all of which your Petitioner would have gained a jeweller's profit of about 50 per cent. on retail. Also four nuggets of gold, for which he paid £140; a quantity of Colt's revolvers and other pistols (about nine in number), worth from £4 10s. to £9 10s. each; a quantity of tortoiseshell combs, silver fruit and other knives, &c. &c. Also a dressing-case, worth £4 4s., and a writing desk, worth £5; a quantity of wearing apparel, including a valuable cap, worth £5, a new 25s. hat, waistcoat, neckties, stockings, &c. That, besides the loss by his goods, your Petitioner has thus also sustained a loss of his daily earnings as a working jeweller; and that he has been put to an expense of upwards of £100, actually paid to witnesses, for professional assistance, and for travelling and other necessary and indispensable expenses, incurred altogether in consequence of this affair, whereby, after deducting the £277 15s. 10d. received, your Petitioner has still thus sustained an actual damage of upwards of £1,200.

Your Petitioner, therefore, most humbly, earnestly, confidently, and imploringly beseeches your Honorable House to take your Petitioner's case of extreme hardship under your consideration, and to deal therewith in such manner as, towards redressing your Petitioner's grievous pecuniary loss, may to you seem fit towards an oppressed fellow-creature. God Almighty will reward you; and your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

(Signed)

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