

Rec^d of Mr Sutton City Clerk, my Com^{rs} in
as Clerk of the Markets, and a letter
addressed to me as such from J Malcott by
Civil Secretary dated 16th April 1836 -

16th April 1836 - put my books

City Hall 20th March 1841 -

L B Leprohon

20th March '49

Dr - Leprohon's
Receipt for his
Commission and
a Letter from Malcott

To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen, and
Citizens of the City of Montreal.

The Petition of Ernest Soller of the
City of Montreal. Butcher.

Most Respectfully sheweth

That on the 7th day of November last
Your Petitioner presented to Your Honorable body
a Petition of which the following is a copy

To the Corporation of the City of Montreal
The Petition of Ernest Soller of the City of
Montreal. Butcher

Most Respectfully sheweth

That Your Petitioner has occupied a stall
in the New Market of this City for the last fifteen
years, and during all that period has punctually
paid his rent thereon, and complied with all
the Rules and Regulations of the Market.

That on the fourth day of November one
thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, Your
Petitioner, in his Capacity of Lieutenant in the First
Battalion Royal Montreal Volunteers, and in
obedience to orders, proceeded through a particular
section of the St. Lawrence suburbs, and took possession
of all the fire Arms found therein.

That the Arms so taken were put in the
possession of the Captain of Petitioner's Company.

That one Louis Malo of this City Bailiff
subsequently complained that three guns belonging
to him, had been taken by the party commanded by

Petitioner,

That the said Malo has since obtained one of the said Cures, the best of the three; and although he refused to supply Petitioner with a description of the others, or accompany him to where the arms are deposited and point them out, he avows the most vindictive feeling, and active hostility to Petitioner, as well for having taken the Cures in the performance of his duty, as for not immediately executing them to be returned - A Matter Petitioner has vainly exerted himself to do.

That said Malo has repeatedly declared, that to gratify his malice against Petitioner he would drive him out of the Market and from his means of honest support of himself and family, by attending at the sale of stalls, and though himself no Butcher, bidding his up far beyond its real or remunerating value to Petitioner.

That in accordance with his threat he did so attend, at the sale of stalls on the fourth instant, and then openly avowing his vindictive feelings, bid up Petitioner's stall to the sum of Thirty Six pounds - a price far exceeding its value, and which, if exacted from Petitioner, would preclude him from competing with the other Butchers in his sales, occasion him loss in his business, and benefit the said Louis Malo alone, by affording him a malignant and unchristian gratification.

Wherefore Your Petitioner knowing that Your Honorable Body has ever evinced a desire for the public good and the protection of the Citizen from injustice and oppression - has been induced to bring the preceding facts under Your Consideration

and

Pray Your intercession in the matter, confident that
he will thereby have justice done him in the premises
And Your Petitioner as in duty bound
will ever pray &c.

Montreal 7th November 1840
(signed) Ernest Salter

That the said Petition was referred to a
Committee of Your Honorable Body, who after having
examined Witnesses on the facts therein disclosed and
hearing the same generally substantiated, reported
that they were unanimously of opinion that in
bidding up Mr Salter's stall to the exorbitant amount
at which it was sold, it was clearly proved Mr
Louis Malo was actuated by malicious & vindictive
motives; that being no Butcher himself and
cherishing feelings personally hostile to Mr Salter,
he (Malo) never contemplated the purchase of the
stall himself, but by bidding thereon only sought
to raise its price with a view of injuring Mr Salter
and recommended that under the circumstances the
sum at which the lease of the stall was purchased
by Mr Salter should not be exacted from him; but
that he should be given his stall at the same rate
at which all the others had been disposed of.

That Your Honorable Body afterwards on
the 21st Nov: 1840 ordered as so recommended by
the said Committee

That the said Louis Malo believing his
attempt of the last year had failed only because
of his not being himself a Butcher, this year
falsely pretended to have formed a partnership
with

with a Butcher - that under cover thereof he might bid on Your Petitioner's stall and raise the price thereof to an amount greatly exceeding its value and thereby gratify his vindictive feelings against Your Petitioner and greatly injure if not ruin him by driving him off the said Market and from the prosecution of his honest calling. That at the sale of stalls on the 25th Ult^o the said M^{rs} so falsely pretending to have formed the said partnership, did accordingly bid up Your Petitioner's stall to the enormous amount of thirty five pounds Currency - a sum immensely exceeding its value and which will if exacted, in all probability, more than absorb all the profits of Your Petitioner's business on the Market.

That of all the 52 stalls offered for competition the said M^{rs} only bid on one other besides Petitioner's and that only once or twice.

That the said M^{rs} obviously so bid on the said other stall, in the vain hope of concealing the malice and ill feeling which induced him to bid on Your Petitioner's stall.

Wherefore, relying on Your well known determination to protect the innocent and aggrieved against the machinations of the unprincipled and vindictive, and supported by a grateful recollection of Your just and humane interposition in his behalf under precisely the like circumstances last year, as heretofore related, Your Petitioner earnestly prays that You will take his peculiar and aggravated case into Your favourable consideration and that You will order therein what is just

And

And Equity is right.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound
will ever pray &c

Montreal 1st October 1841

Ernest Idley

We the undersigned, belonging to the new
Market of this City having received the
Communication of the foregoing Petition do
certify that the statements therein made
are correct and true, and we respectfully
recommend the prayer of the Petitioner, Mr
Ernest Idley to the favorable Consideration
of the Council, knowing as we are that he is
a much respected individual, and that his
Case is one of Excessive and great
Hardship

Montreal
1 October 1841

Thomas Day
George D Reuzger
Daniel Lortie
John Mitchell
Francis M^o Monce
Joseph Isaacson
Oliver Pisket
John P. Snygal

Hubert Dugreault

Eduard Pease

François Lacoste

A.B. Gagnon

Richard Heyerton

Eugene Marches

Luis Blomau

Charles Deyman

Pierre Lamy

E. J. Houelt

Jacob Frederick Gubler

Peter King

Joseph Pearson

Christian Fischer

Gottlieb Reinhardt

Thomas Seaton

Joseph Lesherman

William J. Gaudin

J. D. Delorrier

Pierre Mathurin

Siméon Lemay

François Vanolson

Emory Lefrier

Eduard Moninger

Samuel Watson

George Julian

Edouard Heitz

Joseph Smith

Leporeus Heurtault

Antoine Peclant

John Lesparace

James Smith

André Manierque
Ay taine de mons
Louis Lemercier
Michel Larochette

Petition
of
W^h Idler - Presented
4th Oct 1841

^{and}
Referred to the Market-Committee
to report thereon at the next
Meeting of the Council.
W^h Idler