

File 62 **December 20, 1829**
Support for the Reverend Burton

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In a meeting held on the sixth Range of the Township of Rawdon, at the home of Mr. Joseph Eveleigh on Sunday the twentieth day of Dec. 1829 nine immediately after divine service, the following resolutions were suggested & unanimously adopted by the Protestant Freeholders – resolved that we are assembled with the Rev'nd Preb'ry Burton since the year 1821 when he first came to this Hemisphere & became our Pastor ---

Resolved that - We approve altogether of the conduct of the Rev'nd Prebendary Burton, during the whole of the period since the Year 1821 to the present days, our Pastor having in our estimation uniformly conducted himself as a gentleman & a Minister of the Gospel should do

Resolved that our Pastor is an active zealous & efficacious Missionary: a Man of great suavity of manners: and an useful member of the community –

Resolved that – in the most solemn & decided language, we protest against the ungenerous measures which have been adopted by a few individuals, for the

purpose of bringing into disrepute the character of our Pastor with the Bishop and the Public: & we hereby pledge ourselves to defend it at all times with unshaken resolution any attack that may be made upon his person, his property, or his reputation –

Resolved that a copy of these our resolutions accompanied with our unqualified thanks, be presented to the Rev'nd Prebendary Burton -----

Rawdon Dec'br 1829 Nine

Names¹

Colonel MacKenzie²
Major MacKenzie⁴

George Drought³
John Tiffin⁵

Philemon Dugas⁶
and 230 more

William Marlin⁷

To Archdeacon Mountain

ENDNOTES:

¹ It is possible that five of these six may have constituted Burton's Select Vestry. They include some of the more prominent members of his extended parish and not just Rawdon. Dugas was a Presbyterian in later years before his Catholic baptism a few months before his death. At this time his daughters although baptized Catholics were sometimes sponsors at the baptisms of neighbour children.

² The name is spelled McKenzie in most documents. I believe this to be Sir Roderick McKenzie who owned the Mills operated by David Manchester on the Ouarreau River, at St-Sulpice, just below the Rawdon Township Line. The military title is likely from the militia. He was the seigneur of Terrebonne, a former fur trader with the North West Company. Terrebonne was part of Burton's extensive parish and he made his home in the village of that name, prior to establishing at Rawdon. There is no evidence that he lived at Rawdon.

³ Burton's wife was a third cousin, twice removed from George Drought who had arrived in 1827 after purchasing a cousin's holding at Rawdon

⁴ Also named Roderick, he is a son of Colonel McKenzie and was located at 2/ S 24. He left Rawdon after the death of his wife in January 1830.

⁵ John Tiffin and sons John, Joseph and George were settled on 400 acres at Lots 18 and 19 of the 6th Range in 1821 but had left Rawdon by 1831

⁶ As noted in File 60B, Dugas was a Roman Catholic but a mill owner and one of the leading citizens of the Township.

⁷ William Marlin of Lot 25 North on the Sixth Range was an early settler from County Down and one of an extensive Marlin family at Rawdon.