

**Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning
Correspondence in McGill University Archives, Montreal**

447 / 9485 to the Rev. J. L. Mills 18 April 1822

“we have no English school which is a great loss to the villagers. Mr. Burton is going to reside in Rawdon where he now is.

From the Honourable Rod'k McKenzie, Terrebonne.

I believe this was Sir Roderick McKenzie, the seigneur of Terrebonne, which he had purchased in 1804. A cousin of the explorer, Alexander McKenzie, he came out from Scotland in 1784 as a fur trader with the North West Company. It was probably his son, Roderick, who owned the mills managed by Manchester.

447 / 9528 to the Rev. J. L. Mills 12 March 1825

The settlement of Rawdon, where I now reside, has become of late very respectable and is in every sense in a progressive state of improvement. We have at present about two hundred Protestants, one hundred of whom are children. They are anxious to get a respectable Schoolmaster with full salary from the Royal Institution and are ready to build a School House and to transfer the same to the Institution. Mr. Walker has lost his school altogether at Terrebonne and I am desirous to have him named to our Township. He has consented to go there. I beg you may have the goodness to send me some books for my own Reading such as may serve my Son hereafter in the Prosecution of his Studies for Holy Orders. The Institution will, I'm sure have the goodness to furnish you with a list of Books requisite for perusal of Students of Divinity. The Hon'ble & Rev'd Doctor Stewart was at Rawdon lately & it was he who told me you would furnish me with the books. I am with great respect &...

Your faithful, humble servant, J. E. Burton.

Burtonville, Rawdon, near Terrebonne

12 March 1825

I take it for granted that Mr. Walker is to be sent to Rawdon without any increase from his present salary £ 60 per annum.

447 / 9538 petition 2 May 1825

to Sir F. N. Burton, Lieutenant Governor from inhabitants of Rawdon,
Lower Canada

That there are ninety-two children, the greater part of whom are capable and very much in need of instruction, for which their are, in general, unable to pay.

We therefore most humbly pray Your Excellency would be graciously please to issue a Commission for Mr. James Walker School master of Terrebonne to be Schoolmaster of this Township with his full salary. We have as yet no schoolhouse erected but we humbly hope Your Excellency will graciously allow us a year from this date, in the course of which, we pledge ourselves to build a schoolhouse, endow it with an acre of ground and to conform in all points according to the rules and regulations of the Royal Institution and in the meantime to hire a commodious house for the accommodation of the Teacher and for the purposes of education and we Your humble Petitioners are in duty bound will ever pray.

Rawdon 2 May 1825 Signed by:

J. E. Burton

David Manchester

Eliphalet Rea

James Kirkwood

Josiah Morgan

Thos. Wallace

Alex'r McCurdy

John McCurdy

John (his X mark) McAulay

[sic] McCauley

possibly should be Thomas as John signs below or is John on twice?

Matthew (his X mark) McAulay

[sic] McCauley

John Foster

Conley Cassedy

[sic] Connelly Cassidy

Patt. Cassidy

James Carr

[sic] Kerr

John Daly

a Roman Catholic

George Harkness

Andrew Smart

John McCauley

[sic] McCauley

Benjamin Gibson

N_B_ The above Men, Gibson and David Manchester have consented to act in the capacity of Commissioners in conjunction with the Rev'd. J. E. Burton.

447 / 9544 List of Scholars attending the English School of R. Institution
Rawdon August 6 1825

		Free	<u>parents & other editorial additions</u>
1. Julienne Dugas	reads, writes		<i>Philémon Dugas / Martha Edwards</i>
2. David Manchester	reads, writes, cyphers		<i>David & Mary Manchester</i> <i>b. 1809</i>
3. Adeline Dugas	reads N. Testament		<i>Philémon Dugas / Martha Edwards</i>
4. Josiah Morgan	reads, Mavors spell.	1	<i>Josiah & Rebecca Morgan</i>
5. Zachariah Morgan	..... ditto	1	<i>Josiah & Rebecca Morgan</i>
6. Benjamin Morgan	..... ditto		<i>Josiah & Rebecca Morgan</i>
7. Patricia Dugas	..... little spell		<i>Philémon Dugas / Martha Edwards</i>
8. Jacob Manchester	reads, Mavors spell.		<i>David & Mary Manchester</i> <i>b. 1817</i>
9. Jean Niven	..... ditto	1	<i>family not known; not on '25,'31 census</i>
10. Augustus Malbeef	..... letters	1	<i>family not known; not on '25,'31 census</i> <i>could be Malboeuf</i>
11. George Malbeef	..... ditto		<i>family not known; not on '25,'31 census</i> <i>could be Malboeuf</i>
12. Elvina Dugas	..... ditto		<i>Philémon Dugas / Martha Edwards</i>
13. Margaret Rukie	..... ditto		<i>Pierre Routhier, 1831 census</i>
14. Hannah Dugas	..... ditto		<i>Philémon Dugas / Martha Edwards</i>
15. Eliza Rukie	..... ditto	1	<i>or Eloisa? Pierre Routhier</i> <i>1831 census.</i>
16. Edward Robinson	..... ditto	1	<i>Thomas R. & Jane Dunlop</i> <i>or George R. & Letitia</i>
17. Thomas Robinson	..... ditto	1	<i>Thomas R. & Jane Dunlop had son</i> <i>Thomas b. 1822 or George R. & Letitia</i>
		8	
Benjamin Gibson & David Manchester, trustees			<i>signed</i>
James Walker, Schoolmaster			

447 / 9544 to the Rev. J. L. Mills August 6, 1825

. . . the Royal Institution granted me permission to go to Rawdon . . . in the beginning of May but found no place where to begin teaching. The people wished me to go home till the beginning of June by which time they expected to have a house up. I did so and returned, at the time appointed, but found matters the same as when I went away. A respectable family offered me a large room for the purpose of teaching in till the schoolroom would be ready. The Rev'd Mr. Burton's advice was not to take it. He had recommended the Forks as the proper place to begin school at, but to place could be got near that, this room excepted. He told me I was not restricted to any part of the Township and desired me to go through among the people, to try to find a lot of land somewhere, and gave me letters of introduction to the most respectable of the settlers. After spending nearly a month among them, I found that where land could be got, there could be no school within some miles of it, and where a school could be collected, which was only at the Forks no land was to be had except at an exorbitant price. I was therefore under the necessity of accepting the offer of this room, and commencing school, contrary to the advice of the Rev'd Mr. Burton, because it was in my opinion, if the Board of Royal Institution would be dissatisfied with me for keeping school, they would be more so, were I doing nothing, going about, either indebted to the hospitality of others, or incurring expenses which I could not defray, if the salary is withheld.

This room is near the Forks, I teach there till three o'clock, at another place till near six, the hour of commencement is nine in the morning. Mr. Burton requires me to go to his house three times a week to teach two hours a day. This I cannot accomplish, it would be nearly thirty miles travelling every week, the Lacquharro [sic] ferry must be crossed six times, the person who lives there ferries gratuitously and would not submit to so much trouble. The Trustees also object to it because there are only the Burtons' boys. I would have no other scholars. At the two places where I teach there are fifteen attending and were the schoolhouse built there would be a great many more.

The Reverend Mr. Burton tells me now, that you have appointed me to the west end of the Township. I went through the greater part of it by his directions, but there is no place where the shadow of a school can be had for two or three years at least, but the place where I am at present. There is a considerable distance betwixt the houses, the people will not send their children far, because they say we need their help in spring for planting, in summer the flies would eat them up, in autumn we need them for reaping and in winter they might be frozen. I am aware that complaints may be made because I cannot go every where. If however what I have done be satisfactory to the Royal Institution, I will persevere, but, if otherwise, I will give it up, for I cannot satisfy them all.

The Reverend Messers Bethune and Burton informed me that it is the wish of the Royal Institution that I would bring my family down here but I can get no land for them less than five or six miles distant from the place where the schoolhouse is to be built except by purchase at four dollars per acre in its natural state. So that were they to come here, where I have neither house nor hall they must encamp in the open fields like savages. They are struggling to do well where they are and for good reasons absolutely refuse to come though I had horses and carts at the door ready to bring them. *[Next sentence added on side of letter]* They asked me what I have to bring them to, that they have the prospect of maintaining themselves after a year or two, and a

house to live in, neither of which can be had here. They do not consider my situation can be depended on for support, and, as we do not maintain ourselves and pay house rent before the salary was reduced, we would be less able to do it here where everything is as dear as at Terrebonne firewood excepted, if the salary be diminished because we can have no land to make up the deficiency, and as to any school wages which may be got, with the exception of Mr. Manchester and Mr. Dugas families, they will scarcely compensate for the trouble of collecting. I have been diligent as I could to collect scholars, I have not spent my time in an idle manner, I have visited no person, nor done anything but as Mr. Burton was pleased to direct me, except beginning the school, and would be truly indebted to you to let me know at your convenience whether the Board of the Royal Institution are satisfied with my conduct and what reduction is made, if any, upon my salary.

Paragraph on personal problems regarding his son David.

P.S. I hope you will excuse my bad writing, as I have no table in the room as yet to sit at.

447 / 13 Terrebonne, August 20, 1825

Burton to Mills

Mr. Walker has arrived in this place only a few weeks and has commenced School only a few days since his arrival, he has not done any things of which I could approve. You may recollect, we had arranged when I was last in Quebec that, he should be stationed to the West of Rawdon at £ 30 per annum, and his Son the East, with the same Salary. Through the influence of his Father the Son has quit this neighbourhood altogether; with the View, I am told of confirming the whole Salary to the old Man. I wrote to the young man to ... himself in the above situation and he neither came, nor answered my letter. We are therefore in want of a second Teacher particularly as Mr. Walker as contrary to my directions, & yours also, placed himself in a Corner to the North of the Township, where he has to attend him occasionally only eight or ten American children. There are immediately near me, upon a rough calculation about 30 children belonging to my Parishioners, who are perfectly destitute of instruction whose Parents are most anxious in common with myself, to have a respectable

Master stationed near us. I therefore pray you may have the goodness, to send as a Protestant Teacher, who will promise to submit to my advice & direction & who will consent to locate himself in the situation I shall assign him. We want a man has a perfect knowledge of Arithmetic and a man as unlike Mr. Walker & Son as possible in every other respect – a Man of good sense, Steadyness [sic] & Prudence. I make it a point you will not allow Mr. Walker to draw more than £ 30 per annum & that you will have the goodness to retain the other 30 pounds for the second teacher. I will not of course join in any favorable report at present, because to my personal knowledge he is neglecting the few scholars he has. I called at the temporary School House on the 17th and the School Master had departed for the third time from the Township & was not to return until Sunday the 21st. He had spent that month & the evening before in Fishing. It was matters of this kind of which I believe Mr. McKenzie had reason to complain when he was stationed at Terrebonne. I am clearly of opinion from what I now know & hear, the Walkers, are not fit for the employment of Teachers, under the Royal Institution. I am with the greatest Respect & Esteem

Yours truly JE Burton

Since writing the above I have been favored with yours of the 10th. I would wish to have appointed as Visitors for both schools Will Meredith & Ed. J. Burton. I will send you the names of the Commissioners for the second school as soon as possible.
Terrebonne 20th August 1825.

447 / 9548 Rawdon, Sept. 30, 1825

List of Scholars attending the school of the Royal Institution,

	Julienne Dugas		RC	
x	Silene Robison			<i>Selena Robinson</i>
	David Manchester			
	Adeline Dugas		RC	
	Patty Dugas		RC	<i>Patricia on previous list / aka Martha ?</i>
	Augustus Malbeef		RC	<i>Malboeuf ?</i>
x	Josiah Morgan	free		
x	Zechariah Morgan			
	Jean Nivens	free		
	Jacob Manchester			
x	Benjamin Morgan	free		
	George Malbeef		RC	<i>Malboeuf ?</i>
x	Margaret Roukie	free	RC	<i>Rukie on previous list, Rookie on census</i>
	Elvina Dugas		RC	
x	Eloisa Roukie	free	RC	<i>Rukie on previous list, Rookie on census</i>
	Hannah Dugas		RC	
x	Edward Robison	free		<i>Robinson</i>
x	Thomas Robison	free		<i>Robinson</i>

In a letter, Walker states that "nine children belong to the Roman church". It is known that the Dugas family were Catholic and that the Manchester and Robinsons were nominally Anglican. It is my belief that Roukie (or perhaps Roche) and Malbeef (Malboeuf) were French and Roman Catholic. DBP

Those marked thus are absent on account of harvest. James Walker, Schoolmaster.

The teacher is inoffensive in his manner and attention to his scholars. They have made very great improvement.

Philemon Dugas

Benjamin Gibson

David Manchester *all signed*

447 / 9566 Rawdon, March 27 1826 to the Reverend Dr. Mills

As our schoolhouse is not yet completed; in the most severe time of the Season, we judge, that it was better for Mr. Walker to go about among a few families and teach till the house would be finished which we hope will be the case in course of a fortnight hence so as that he may be able to commence teaching in it. The reason for his doing this was that one of the children had the misfortune to both his hands frosted coming to the school in January.

Mr. Walker has conducted himself in all respects as became an official character, is quiet and inoffensive and has done all in his power towards assisting us in the erection of the schoolhouse.

Benjamin Gibson

David Manchester *signed*

P. S. We humbly request of the Royal Institution to appoint Mr. Philemon Dugas to and in conjunction with us as one of the Trustees for the school in this township, he having done as much, if not a great deal more than any person in it for promoting the interest of education.

List of children taught by me James Walker schoolmaster belonging to the public school of Royal Institution in this Township.

Children of the families of Messers Hamilton & Sadler

Do.	Do.	Mr. Cook
Do.	Do.	Mr. Manchester
Do.	Do.	Mr. Dugas
Do.	Do.	Mr. Morgan
Do.	Do.	Mr. Roukie
Do.	Do.	Mr. Smart

Of these the major part are gratuitous

To the Reverend Mr. Burton, David Manchester and Solomon Gibson Trustees
Rawdon 22 March 1826

To the above are now added the families of Messers Mason, Gray
and some others.

Note: Benjamin Gibson was named the trustee in earlier documents. Solomon Gibson, his son, received Letters Patent in 1832, left Rawdon in 1826 and was a saddler in Montreal. .

447 / 9575 to Rev'd. Doctor Mills 9th June 1826

I have Mr. Walker's Letters to the Institution, one dated Sep'r 14th 1825 and another dated 6th of Aug same year. I'm sorry to be under the disagreeable necessity of stating that there is scarcely one true statement in the whole of these communications. He states in his Letter of Sep'r, that, the people of the Township did not quarrel with him. I know not whether they did or not, but I'm sure the people of one the commissioners are dissatisfied with the School Master, for they have complained of him to me, saying he was not fit for the situation. He states that I had ill-treated him at Terrebonne but that is a palpable Falsehood. He represented himself as persecuted there as he now is persecuted at Rawdon but when I found his school falling off at Terrebonne I sent him one of my boys as a Boarder fir three months and told him if the boy improved by him I would also send him five others. The ac't. which the boy gave me however deterred me from doing so. I made many other exertions also to serve him as Schoolmaster whilst at Terrebonne. I cannot conceive upon what grounds therefore he has represented I had used him ill at that place. Mr. Walker states that I would not sign his Reports because I had quarrelled with the Commissioners. This is interesting, for with one of the Commissioners I have never had, the smallest difference of opinion with the other (Gibson) I had, because he is a creature of Walker's & would sign any thing that was put into his hand by the School Master to sign. The real reason I had for not signing the report was that Mr. Walker has never yet kept a regular school which he acknowledges himself in his last report. I have gone at different times without success to the place he calls his schoolhouse & I could never find either School Master nor Scholars. Why then should I sign a report that could not be regularly drawn up on the usual form. Mr. Walker states in his Letter of Aug 6th that he came back to Rawdon in June having gotten leave to remain absent for that time, but he never applied to me as one of the Visitors for leave of absence for if he did I would not have given permission. I feel confident the man had permission from any person to absent himself from the Township. But the fact is, he did not commence School till late in May, altho I had delivered him a message for Doctor Mills, that he would forfeit his salary unless he commence his service upon the first of May. Mr. Walker states I told him, he was not restricted to any particular position in the Township but I declare upon the honor of a Gentleman I told him repeatedly he was appointed to the West end of the Township his son to the East. Mr. Walker states his school opened at 9 o'clock and continued till four in his Letter of Aug 6th, but he forgot this statement & said in the intraoninary [sic] report he drew up himself that he taught "from house to house" It is a pity that Mr. Walker's memory has failed him in this, as well as upon many other occasions. Mr. Walker states that, the Families objected to his coming to my House to Teach but I'm sure this is not true for I only required him to come three times a week for two hours after school hours & for which I proposed to give him £10 per annum. Indeed one of the Trustees told me it was unreasonable that the Clergyman's Family should be neglected when others were attended. By the rules of the Institution the School Master is supposed to enforce attendance at divine worship but Mr. Walker attended divine Worship twice within the year & has never brought one of his Family or one of his Pupils [to] the place of performing Service. Upon the whole, I am obliged to say that Mr. Walker cannot be depended upon, to act in the capacity of a School Master but if the Royal Institution will

not remand this man to another Township of Situations as is proposed they have to suggest the necessity of establishing two schools in the Township of Rawdon & dividing the salary of 60 equally between the two masters, as originally proposed by his Lordship the Bishop when Missionary and concurred in by the Secretary of the Institution as Mr. Walker & the Clergyman do not well understand each other it is proposed that Mr. Walker should be located as intended in the first instance in the West of the Township and a new Schoolmaster stationed to the East part of the Township with Instructions from the Royal Institution not to interfere with the Professional duties of the Clergy as Mr. Walker has done. I beg the honor of a reply to this soon as possible & I am with great respect and in great haste

E. Burton Quebec 9th June 1826

447 / 9575 to Montgomery, Apothecary to his Majesty's Forces
June 10, 1826

You may, if you be in company with Dr. Mills, and judge it prudent, tell him that Mr. Burton would not come with the other visitors to Mr. Dugas' house last summer nor any time since to mark the progress of the scholars; nor did he ever, to my knowledge, come alone for that purpose. He was indeed twice at the house or thrice, one time when the public meeting was held there about the agency of the Township, the second time Mr. Dugas was cleaning and washing the house. I think a third at a funeral, the family needing the schoolroom. *[possibly 1825 10 29 when Pheby Drought was buried - DBP]* On which occasions I could have no meeting. He required of me to bring the children to his house on a Sabbath to be examined; but as nine children belong to the Roman church, they would not go; four or five belonged to no church that I know of; and the rest with the exception of two individuals were too small to go by there and these two David Manchester and a girl Robison *[Selena Robinson]* would not for want of suitable clothes. I found it impossible to comply with his wish in this particular, and of course he would neither write a report nor subscribe it on the testimony of others.

He insisted on me to come from the schoolroom twice or thrice a week and pass the afternoon in teaching his family. At first he told me I was to teach the languages. When I came again, he said it was to teach writing and arithmetic and he would have a place for the purpose prepared, when I called again for employment, he was not in the house, I asked his eldest daughter whether or not they had any book on arithmetic which they wished me to teach them and she brought me a church music book printed in Dublin. From this way of doing and there being no place to teach in, I could not help believing Mr. Burton in sport and had really no intention to employ me.

With respect to the story which I wrote you about Mrs. Burton trying to stir up enemies to me because I commenced keeping school last summer, Mr. Dugas who has a Saw Mill here, who is one of those she applied to, to join her husband in a complaint to the Board against me, and brought a pig on the rain *[sic possibly rein]* to him in a present to procure his compliance, he, Mr. Dugas, a worthy, cheerful, pleasant man is now at Quebec, and if you suspect the account as false, I could get him to call on you, and he will inform you that he refused to have any connection with any business of the kind and declined accepting the pig which of course she went off with and gave to some other person. She at the same time tried Mr. Manchester but without success.

The reason why I did not receive Dr. Mills' letter the 2nd June was that I had no shoes to go to L'Assumption, the letter lying in the office there a long time, before I heard of it, which is twenty one miles distant, & though I can go without shoes in the wood, cannot do so in the settlement where the roads are all fully exposed to the sun without blistering my feet and besides I was ashamed to go there in that state where people know me and though the Post Master had many opportunities of sending it, it was neglected. A gentleman in Montreal at my request took it out of the office and sent it to me.

If my salary is withheld, I cannot help it, but must of course commence an action for damages against him, Mr. Burton, at the Montreal court and no person who is acquainted with what he has done and how he has used me, can say I would not be to blame and if commenced, I will not hesitate to spend my last penny on it, as I can

clearly prove by his handwriting and witness my cause of complaint. In this however would wish your advice --- I am sorry for him as a Clergyman and pity him, as in a certain degree, not compos mentis, but if it be needful, I will carry my appeal to his Excellency before I give up having I believe for my power to prove that my school would not have been broken up, nor the schoolhouse unfinished, had it not been the interference of him and his mistress.

He latterly appealed for me to be sent to teach the catechism in his family, but I could not consistent with the appointments of the R. I. leave the school and go there half the day without incurring their displeasure, and having the majority of the settlers about my ears like a swarm of hornets, particularly from Mr. Burton having told them after the meeting at his house on a Sunday "that he had obtained from them from the Government, a grant of fifty pounds a year for the education of their children" of which grant they cannot imagine the Government would allow a person with his income to deprive them of half the advantage.

As I cannot get Bishop Wilson's [?] sermons in Montreal nor will Mr. Burton, I am absolutely certain, lend me any sermons to read to those grown up persons who will commonly attend on Sabbath at prayers here, would the Doctor allow me to read a part of a commentary on Job & the Psalms, by an Episcopal clergyman (Henry) of England which I have in the house. By this means, I may do some good on that day to them, and other meetings which are in contemplation to be held may be prevented.

I am much obliged to you for the horse hang [*sic* ?] we have now a horse from which next year I may be supplied.

Mr. Burton complains that I spend my time in going about doing nothing, visiting or fishing which is far, very far from being true. I have had to visit and travel in no inconsiderable degree on his account; at one time in particular seventy two miles, to write a petition for the people at L'Assumption, to have one of the places where he is appointed to preach changed for that place, as being more convenient for him to travel, and a considerable number of English and Scotch people in the place. The petition was not granted on account of the death of the late worthy Bishop – he ought not to complain of this surely.

Rawdon, June 10, 1826

P. S. As you are generally acquainted with the sea captains who frequent Quebec, would you have the goodness to mention to any of them, Mr. Dugas' name, he is about the harbour somewhere with a few thousand plank and if you could thus assist him to dispose of them, it will be assisting a worthy person who in innumerable instances has assisted the distressed settlers in this township and truly worthy of any small kindness which could thus be shown him – It would be as much esteemed by me as if it had been done to myself.

447 / 9579 Petition to Governor Dalhousie July 17 1826

. . . the humble petition of James Walker late Schoolmaster at Terrebonne . . . the Royal Institution. . . *[recounts the saga of the delay in locating building a schoolhouse which is now ready but the people ignorant of how to convey it to the R. I. He pleads for his job as teacher.]*

There are between twenty five and thirty children belonging to the school and of the parents of nearly fifty promised publicly to be sent to it, only three are able in their present circumstances to pay anything for their education. If the school is not established among them, the numerous rising generation in this township must become barbarians. The subscribers . . . beg . . . to have the Transference accepted and that I may be continued Teacher in the place. . . . I have in no point known to me been inattentive to my duty as a Teacher or a Christian in public or private among them, not troublesome, or quarrelsome with any person in the Township; but have to the very utmost of my ability endeavoured to support the interest of education and morality and maintain peace in the place.

Rawdon July 17, 1826

My Lord: These signatures the subscribers consider sufficient to satisfy you of the truth of what is stated in the petition and they are confident it would be subscribed by almost every settler in the Township did time permit.

Benjamin Gibson visitor
 David Manchester visitor
 George Robinson
 Thomas Wallace
 Andrew Smart
 Josiah Morgan
 James Kirkwood
 Philemon Dugas
 Peter Green

Roman Catholic Fournier says, in 1826 a cross was planted on his property, 4 / S23

My Lord, Since writing the above the Reverend Mr. Burton has been using all his influence to prevent the payment of my salary due for May last, x and also to have it reduced, stating that it is more than the Government have any right to allow me. As I will not get Five pounds a year for teaching the children of these poor people and my family are dependent on my salary, I throw myself on your Lordship's protection against the Reverend Mr. Burton who has taken every step in his power to ruin me – of this truth I believe the R. I. are satisfied.

X though we have for a considerable time past been in want of the common necessities of life & dependent on Messers Manchester & Dugas humane assistance.

447 / 9575 to Dr. Mills July 17, 1826

. . . letter of the 14th April . . . could not be answered respecting the number of children who could attend school nor how many children of parents unable to pay for their education without a public meeting. This was held on the 3rd and information, such as was hoped would be satisfactory to the Hon'ble Board directed to you through the Post Office of L'Assumption on the Tuesday following. In this matter the people with the chairman R. McKenzie, and one of the visitors of the school, two being from home, acted independent of any influence whatever.

A letter was also sent, signed by one of the visitors and myself stating the Number, names, ages of the children taught between October and May, the other two visitors not being returned; by the same channel, at the same time. But from the letter I had the honor to receive from you yesterday of the 26th June, every person here is induced to believe, these have been mislaid or lost, for letters from Quebec just in by the same person, at the same time were duly received.

The plan of going from house to house, owing to the state of the roads was impracticable, and school began in the schoolhouse by May.

As to the report being written by me, there was no other to do it. Manchester though a man of good natural abilities can neither read nor write. Mr. Gibson cannot either compose or spell a single line of a letter correctly and the Reverend Mr. Burton was so occupied, that he could not attend an examination, unless the children had come to his house for that purpose -- for which account he refused to write or sign any report. A report solely by the visitors will be again made up this week and transmitted to you, which I will put into L'Assumption post office in presence of witnesses personally. I never was forbidden to write the reports so far as I recollect.

The house was not ready for transference, it must be confessed, till a few days after the time specified for the purpose. But this was owing to a large quantity of shingles prepared for it, being consumed by fire, which it required sometime to get replaced, And also to the people not knowing how to get it accomplished. Information was asked by letter from the Rev'd. Mr. Bethune six months ago, because he did that business for the people of Terrebonne, but as no answer was returned, he, as believed never got the letter. The house has been ready for transference sometime ago, but whether this is to be done by Notarial deed, or by whom, or to what person or persons as representing the R. I. not one here knows and I am in the same predicament. They however humbly hope the R. I. will not refuse acceptance of the schoolhouse, because the non transference has been prevented on their part solely by the two causes, fire and ignorance of the form, and were afraid to be considered troublesome, had they applied to the R. I. for the necessary information.

It has been arranged so, as to serve as a place of worship as well as a school, and the few days we have had our pastor officiating here he has been attended by fifty or sixty people. For this very reason may persons most humbly beg the R. I. will not deal so harshly with them, as to refuse acceptance of a house built by them in the hope that they might have it both as a schoolhouse where also the gray haired and those tottering with age might meet for Divine Service

That I have been quiet and diligent in the discharge of my duty as a Teacher I can give ample testimony to the R. I. on which account should they see proper not to employ me any longer in this Township, I humbly request of them to give me employment somewhere else.

447 / 9580 Student List & Letter to Mills, July 18, 1826

We hereby certify that the children who attended the school of the Royal Institution in this Township betwixt October 1825 and May 1826 were

<u>name of student</u>	<u>age/ est. date of birth</u>	<u>student's progress</u>	<u>comment</u>
David Manchester	16 <i>est. 1809</i>	Read the collection etc.	write etc.
Julienne Dugas	16 <i>15, born: 1811</i>	Do. Do.	Do free
Adleline Dugas	12 <i>born: 1814</i>	testament	Do.
Martha Dugas	9 <i>born: 1816</i>	Big spell	Do.
Jacob Manchester	8 <i>est. 1817</i>	Do.	
Jean Nivens	8	Do.	Do.
John Coppin <i>[sic] Copping</i>	12 <i>15, born: 1811</i>	Do.	Do.
Elarine Dugas	6 <i>born: 1822</i>	Little spell	Do

This makes it clear that only the Manchester children were paying school fees.

Signed D. Manchester
Benjamin Gibson

We waited upon the Reverend Mr. Burton and asked to sign the report of the school. He desired me [and?] Mr. Manchester to call tomorrow and he would do so, I went therefore to him and he said he would not sign it till Mr. Walker would call and make an arrangement with him to this effect. That Mr. Walker should promise to write no more letters to the Government respecting him and he would make the same agreement with Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker by Mr. Manchester's direction waited on the Reverend Mr. Burton; Mrs. Burton came to Mr. Walker and asked him what he wanted; Mr. Walker said he had brought the report of the school to Mr. Burton for a signature by appointment of Mr. Manchester and stated what Mr. Burton said to Mr. Manchester respecting the agreement. Mrs. Burton replied [sic] that Mr. Burton had never said any such thing to Mr. Manchester and that Mr. Burton would not sign the report because he wants Mr. Walker to go to the upper end of the township, Mr. Walker's reply was tell Mr. Burton I have fulfilled the order and ad appointment of the trustees ----

Though Mr. Walker were to go to the upper end of the Township we do not believe a school of more than two could not be got together

P.S. The schoolroom is ready for conveyance [sic] will the Royal Institution give the necessary direction

David Manchester
Benjamin Gibson

447 / 9581 petition to R. I. August 7th 1826

The memorial of the Episcopalian, Presbeterian [sic] & Roman Catholick [sic] Inhabitants of Rawdon residing in the west of said Township . . . are desirous to establish a second School in the centre of the Township (at the Village) for the purpose of having the children of Memorialists, one hundred seventeen in number, educated. That Memorialists are not capable of paying a Schoolmaster from their private funds and humbly request that, half the sum of Sixty pounds per annum, which has been appropriated by the Royal Institution for the general purpose of education in this Township, shall be applied to the maintenance of a School master, so stationed as above. That a School house has been established by a minority of individuals (chiefly Americans) in a sequestered corner of the township where a few of the children of the township (eight only in number as will appear by the last return of the School master) have an opportunity of attending, and that notwithstanding this, the Schoolmaster thereof, James Walker, contrary to every principle of justice & equity proposes to monopolize the whole sum of Sixty pound per annum for his individual service; which sum was intended as before stated, by the Royal Institution for the maintenance of two Schoolmasters in said Township.

That his Lordship the Bishop . . . in the Spring of 1824 proposed and promised . . . the establishment of two Schools and that the Secretary to the Royal Institution, in a letter written to . . . the Rev'd J. E. Burton alluded to this proposition, concurred in the plan, as being best & most equitable.

That Memorialists claim the establishment of two schools upon the broad principle of justice: & beg leave to recommend for the second Schoolmaster Mr. Joseph Eveleigh, a young man of character and education. Memorialists take this opportunity of deprecating in the strongest language, the disrespectful & unwarrantable deportment of said James Walker to the said Rev. Mr. Burton, excited solely by a desire on the part of the Clergyman, to afford the same advantages & privileges to the whole of this parishioners & to do justice to all parties for the establishment of this second School & for the adoption of Mr. Eveleigh as the other Schoolmaster, Committee appointed by the inhabitants residing in the west & Centre of the Township to prepare and sign Memorials & to erect a School House in the Village & to convey same to the Royal Institution

Rawdon August 7th 1826

Signed

Edw'd McGee
John Eveleigh

George Hobs

447 / 9581 to Dr. Mills from J. E. Burton 7 August 1826

I have the honor of enclosing you a Memorial, from a Committee, appointed by the Inhabitants of Rawdon, residing in the Centre to the West of the Township. They have selected a site for the Erection of a second School House & have recommended, to the Governor in Chief, a young man of their own appointing, of most excellent character, as School Master. I shall see that, a suitable School House shall be erected that it shall be, with the Land, conveyed agreeable to the Act.

I beg leave to recommend Mr. George Hobs and Mr. John Eveleigh, Senior as Commissioners for the erection of the School House. I mean to officiate every second Sunday in this place; in order to accommodate, in my professional capacity, by far the most numerous & most respectable portion of my parishioners. Mr. Walker sent me lately a Certificate as Visitor to sign but I refused, as he had only returned eight scholars in attendance for last half year & because from my personal knowledge, he had no School established for some months in the course of last year. I am satisfied to sign his Certificate provided it is the wish of the Royal Institution. I should do so under these circumstances: but I could not conscientiously do it, without their concurrence: & provided he will consent to let 30 £ per annum out of the 60 - travel to the West of the Township for the instruction & benefit of the other children in that quarter, who are far more numerous than those who attend at the Forks. I am satisfied also to organize, the present School Master, the present School & Site (although the situation might be better) because certain of the Parishioners have erected it with some cost. With (unclear) to Unanimity, even Mr. Walker's Friends are of opinion it would be unjust to deprive the people of the West of the same advantages which are enjoyed by the Inhabitants of the North East and therefore think 30 £ per annum an ample compensation for Mr. Walker's Services. Mr. Walker is the only dissentional Voice to this arrangement. Please to send your answer to this Memorial by L'Assumption . . .

J. E. Burton

447 / 17 Walker to Mills 27 September 1826

I have this day received your letter informing me that I am appointed to St. John's. I thank most gratefully the Society for the payment of my Salary till the 1st May last, I am now on my way to St. Johns

I will if it be agreeable to you and Dr. Montgomery give evidence that all the opposition I have met here was prepared for me before I left Terrebonne of this I was informed by John McKenzie Esq. there before I left it for Rawdon and I state the same in a letter addressed to you previous to my leaving Terrebonne. I could also shew how much influence was attempted to be exercised over me by Gibson in consequence of his visitorship provided I could get the same do[ne] free of charges. I can most satisfactorily prove to the R. I. that the small number attending the school was owing to local circumstances, and not to me, and therefore it was scarcely fair that I should suffer on that account. I can also satisfy them that whatever irregularity there might be, no blame could be attached to me, there was no irregularity however unless a few days vacation at Christmas be accounted the vacant days I think were 8. This letter I will write after I get to my destination. I would have been much obliged to you had you answered the letter I wrote you when you informed me of the discontinuance of the school. I asked you whether I should consider myself in the Society's employ or not and had I been told I could have got a school raised by subscription 18 boys to be educated, the teacher to be paid £ 25 - have bed, board, washing done and a horse and calesh [sic] at command which would have been equal to £ 58 per annum. I wished also when liberty to go to Charlestown in the state of New York where a brother in law of mine had died and left a good deal of property owing me £ 48 6 / 10 and as I got no answer, I had to commend the bills to my son David from whom I do not expect a good account, because he is unable, I hear, to look properly after them.

I hope the Society will not be merciless to me in respect of some allowance for the loss of the summer season, all the school wages paid me for teaching since the 1st May being as follows Dugas 10/ Manchester 7/6 McKenzie 5/ Morgan 5/ till near the end of September. My eldest daughter has taken charge of the scholars and if St. Johns be not worth more than double this for school fees, I will gain more at hard labour – I thank the Society for the appointment, I will try what I can do, and if it please the Society, after it is set a going will send for my son, David let him take it and go to land as a settler. 27/6 for 23 weeks close teaching is not extravagant wages, but that I could not get more, my letter is which I will draw a partial diagram of the township there and at the village lots will shew that it is owing to lots ... of the settlement.

The contract attempted while ... over the school, I fear will prevent it forever from being conveyed to the Society. As I have no dwelling house on the boys land as yet my family are left in possession of the house. I therefore hope the R. I. will not send a teacher there for some time, because I have a large amount against the house for money and expenses, and have legal instructions to keep possession till the people pay me besides it would be cruel to do so, seeing my family would be put out in the severity of winter and I do not believe more than six or eight pupils can be got in winter – my next will give the reason. Please thank Dr. Montgomery for me for his kind letter, excuse haste

Yours sincerely, J. Walker

P.S. To withhold the salary from a teacher because he has few scholars, where this does not arise from his fault, is like as if – [the] a horse were beat by a person on one side & the world should go to his distress in beating him on the other or as if you would say, the people give that horse no work to do for which reason he shall from us have no corn.

447 / 18 Walker to Mills 9 November 1826

I humbly request of you to mention to my friend the Doctor, that he is really quite out in what he conjectured to be my motives for complaining of the way I was met with at Rawdon.

I never had the remotest idea that any complaint made by me would be supposed to proceed from such an infernal motive, or the desire to malign [sic] a certain person. No, my dear friend, it was solely with the hope, that of the R.I. could not control him, I hoped they could or would advise him to desist. I take God to witness I have no other intention, and it was solely from a letter I received when in Terrebonne which you did me the honor to address me, acquiring of me, information whether I had complied with the appointment of the R. I. relative to reading prayers out [sic] to scholars there, that I did so once at Rawdon ---- I solemnly declare, it was solely lest I should be found fault with, if I did not, that it was done, and not in opposition to any person.

I had also another object by it which comes to my recollection, which was, that application was made or to be made for some preachers in the Methodist connection to come officially to the school house, I wished all in my power privately, and unknown even to my own family to prevent this, the same also was my motive for applying to the R. I. for leave to commence a Sunday school.

In all my conduct in that Township I never was actuated by party, party spirit or anything of that sort – though it was supposed I was so, because I was among persons who were divided in their sentiments.

Nor was I ever asked to join a party but once, which I refused in the most positive terms, it had reference to anything but the Agency – I told them I could have nothing to do with it either pro or con.

I was eight or ten days too late in receiving your last letter, which you honored me with, relative to my removal to St, Johns. The people had been informed that I would not come, and another school was commenced by Mr. Campbell, in consequence of which I have but 8 scholars for whom I expect 3 / 4 per month and five or six graduating. They may perhaps increase when the winter is over.

I had a letter from David this week, he is in the place called Cambridge, County of Washington, N. Y. He is in very great distress – I have written him to come here, if he can, in hopes the R. I. may overlook his misconduct at Val Cartier and favor him at least with liberty to teach with me in the school, or with some situation should there be any vacancy in their gift.

It has filled my mind with despondency to think that the members of the Royal Institution should have supposed I was actuated by such unchristian motives as the Doctor has stated in his last letters to me, I also think that no such suspicion should have been made to the mind of my friend, to whom I have been so long known.

I beg your pardon for unburdening myself upon ... and remain Dear Doctor with the highest esteem your grateful and obedient servant James Walker
Excuse my haste Mr. Scott who takes this goes off early for Quebec.

P.S. Why are the deeds of transference of this house to the R. I. in the hands of Mrs. Miller, she shewed them to me.

I have given her liberty to remain with her family till she get a house up on their land, which they expect in May next will be ready for them. I lodge with them -

447 / 9608 List March 13, 1828

Number of Children with the distances they are from the school house at the forks of the Red River

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Z. Clouthier	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ miles	No 23 _ 1 st Range	<i>Zacarie Cloutier</i>
R. Gregg	3	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	"	<i>1831 at 2, S21</i>
Josiah Morgan	4	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	"	
P. Routhier	4	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	<i>see 1825 census</i>
Do. Jr.	1	- "	"	<i>see 1825 census</i>
P. Dugas	6	1 "	24	"
Ths. Green	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	26	"
Rob. Rogers	3	1 "	"	"
John Allan	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	28	"
And. Kirkwood	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"
Sadler	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	18	2 Range <i>John: later 7, S11</i>
Healy	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	<i>Jeremiah: 7, N11</i>
Mr. Jeffery Man ¹	3	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	17	"
Geo. Robinson	1	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	22	"
And. Smart	3	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	23	"
R. McKenzie	3	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	24	"
Ths. Robinson	3	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	25	"
Chs. Charpentier	3	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	25	" <i>not known to me</i>
Sam'l David	5	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	25	" <i>not known to me</i>
Dean Burn	2	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	26	"
Wm. Burn	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	27	"
Jno. Kite	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	18	3 Range
Alex				
& Tho. McCurdy	8	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	20	
Jno. &				
Math. McAulay	7	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	22	
Jno. Mulligan	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	23	
Jno. Kerr	3	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	23	3 Range <i>should be James</i>
Jno. Daly	3	1 "	24	
Wm. Morris	1	1 "	"	
Ths. Lain	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	25	<i>Lane</i>
O. McDermid	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	<i>or McDermott</i>
Alex. Connelly	4	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	27	
Jno. Cahill	2	2 "	28	<i>should be James</i>
C. Cassidy	3	2 "	"	
Cole	2	"	"	<i>William</i>

¹ Mr. Jefferies' man was Elias Burbidge. See Diocesan Archives File 60B. Burbidge was resident at 3 / 18 on the 1831 census. The Lots at 2 / 17 belonged to Gibson c.1828 and in 1831 to Maguire and Nightingale. Jefferies owned 1 / 17 & 18 and adjoining lots so perhaps the range number is incorrect.

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Jno. Byrne	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	21	4 Range <i>? shoemaker; not John Burns</i>
Geo. Harkness	6	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	22	
G. Mitchell	1	" "	"	
Jno. Foster	3	" "	23	
Jno. Green	3	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	24	
Jno. Robinson	3	$1\frac{3}{4}$ "	26	
P. Cassidy	1	2 "	27	
A. Irwin	4	$2\frac{1}{4}$ "	28	
T. Robinson	1	$2\frac{1}{4}$ "	"	

447 / 9608 Petition to the RI for a school at Lot 21, 3rd Range, March 13, 1828

The humble Petition of part of the Inhabitants of the Township of Rawdon residing the first second third and fourth ranges of said Township . . . are very anxious to procure the sanction of the Royal Institution in establishing a School House . . . on number twenty one of the third range. That the situation before chosen by a few Individuals in the second Range at a place called the Forks exclusively for their own convenience was an improper one, has been very fully proved by experience, as the late School Master Mr. James Walker could never succeed in collecting more than seven or eight scholars which encumbrance caused his dismissal [sic] from this Township as is well known to your Institution

& whereas the site now chosen by Memorialists is in such a central situation that it will accommodate all the parties in the first five ranges including those person who wish from selfish and illiberal motive to have the School House be established at the Forks . . . Memorialists will ensure the attendance of a numerous & respectable protestant school; A more desirable object than could be attained by establishing the School House in that solitary Place commonly called the forks for the exclusive accommodation of a few from Yankee families.

Dated – June 15th 1827

<u>Signed</u>	<u>corrected</u>	<u>known location</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Thomas Mitchell		4 / N 25	
Joseph Mitchell		4 / N 22	
James Herbart	<i>Herbert</i>	6 / N 11	
James Mason		1, N & S 9	
Cornelius Finlay			<i>about 17, son of Richard</i>
George Harkness		4 / N & S 22	
John Foster		4 / S 27	
John Burns		3 / N & S 21	<i>possibly others</i>
Mathew McCalla	<i>Matthew McCauley</i>	3 / 22	
John Green		4 / S 24 or 10 / S 25 (RC ?)	
Thomas Lane		3 / S 25; RC	
John Robison	<i>Robinson</i>	4, S 26	
James Robison	<i>Robinson</i>	4, S 25	
Thomas Robison	<i>Robinson</i>	4, S 28	
William Robison		4, S 28	
Will. Cole		3, N 28 also 4 / 28	
Andrew Irwin		4, N 27	
Patrick Cassidy		4, S 27 / 3, N 28	
Conly Cassidy	<i>Connelly</i>	4 / N 27	
John Daley	<i>Daly</i>	RC; 3 / S 24	
Owen McDermott		(RC ?) 3 / N 25	
Wm. Moras	<i>Morris</i>	(RC ?) 3 / N 24	
George Pollock		5 / S 25	
William Evely	<i>Eveleigh</i>	6 / N & S 22	

<u>Signed</u>	<u>corrected</u>	<u>known location</u>	<u>Comment</u>
John Byrns Shoemaker	<i>Burns</i>	4 / N 21	20 years of age <i>or did his father sign?</i>
Richard Finly Sugnor [sic senior]	<i>Finlay</i>	2, N & S 16	
Richard Finly Junior	<i>Finlay</i>	4, S 17, 4 N & S 18	<i>D. Manchester held ticket for this from 1824 & was living here by 1829, yet it had been granted to Finlay in 1825.</i>
Thomas Finly	<i>Finlay</i>	4 / N 17	
John Finlay		3 / N 17	
John Kite		3 / S 17 & others	
John Smiley snr		6 / N & S 19 & N 20	
John Smiley Junior		5 / S 20	
Samuel Smiley Sen'r		probably 5 / N 20; later 8, N 7	
Samuel Smiley Jr.		5 / N 20	
Samuel Coulther	<i>Coultra</i>	10, N 28	
John Scott		9, N 26.	<i>Is the address of David Scott, junior & senior. Last four signatures are all in same hand. Perhaps not signed by the individual & should read David? No other evidence of a John Scott.</i>
Joseph Evley	<i>Eveleigh</i>	6, N 22	
William Ross		on 1824 Settlers Petition	

To about above petition; I am clearly of opinion that there are not sufficient number of Children in the immediate vicinity of the Forks, to form a School of such extent, as would qualify the Master, to receive his salary from the Institution. And from my local knowledge of the respective places, I am certain No 21 in the 3rd Range is the more eligible Site of the two: & the more populous & that the children from the Forks can with sufficient ease to themselves, attend the projected School upon No 21 in the third Range - accordingly I beg leave to recommend [sic] the same, to the Board for preference.²

² The plea was successful 1830-31. There was only one schoolmaster on the 1831 census indicating that the school on the Second Range had been closed. The new school appears to be at Third Range, Lot 26 where W. G. Holmes is residing as a "non propriétaire" with no acreage. and not the original suggestion of Lot 21. The Holmes resided at 2 /22 according to an entry in the Anglican register in January 1830.

447 / 9623 Petition 22 June 1828

In the month of August last the deeds of a School house situated at the Forks in this township were made over & sent to the Royal Institution at the same time a Petition was sent signed by a few individuals in the name & behalf of the rest of the settlers in the neighbourhood praying that the Institution would be pleased to grant a Salary to Mr. John McGregor as Teacher³ in said school but as we were ignorant of the proper address we sent them to the Rev'd Dr. Mountain and have received no answer. We have been lately informed by the Rev'd Mr. Bethune that you are the person to whom they ought to have been addressed. Having now had a nearly six months trial of Mr. McGregor during which time he had nearly thirty scholars and has given universal satisfaction we would be very sorry to part with him & as it is entirely out of our power to support him without assistance from the Institution we anxiously pray that you will be pleased to grant him a salary & if you possibly can allow it to him from the 1st August the time at which he commenced teaching here you will confer an obligation – never to be forgotten by your humble servants

John Allin

Arther Mcgee

Rob't Rogers

Thomas Green

Peter Green

Rob't Green

James Kirkwood

Philémon Dugas

George Robinson

Thomas Robinson

Andrew Smart

Josiah Morgan

Rubin Grigg

John McCurdy

Alex'r. McCurdy

John McCaulay

Matthew McCaulay

Thos. Wallace

John Mulligan

Andrew Kirkwood

Should anything be wrong or anything more required by the rules of the Institution if you will have the goodness to write a few lines addressed to the Teacher J. McGregor we will endeavour to rectify it.

³ March 23, 1828 – John McGregor witnessed the baptisms of 21 children from the Rawdon area who were baptized by the Reverend Alexander Gale of LaPrairie, a Presbyterian missionary.

447 / 9629

28 March 1828

McGregor to RI

Your letter, the licence & regulations, were duly received. Mr. Gibson has left the Township & as Mister Manchester, though a very good man, can neither read nor write, the people have appointed Messers R. Rogers, G. Robinson & G. Harkness, as Visitors of the School, if approved of by you. They yesterday examined the Scholars and along with this you will receive their report. As they & I are alike strangers to the particular form of the return required by the Royal Institution if any thing be wrong with the one now sent be so good as to let us know & it shall be corrected. The children are much at a loss for want of books and as a great number of their parents are very poor it is not in their power to purchase them they have therefore desired me to request that if in your power you will have the goodness to send a few Spelling books a few New Testaments & one or two Arithmetical books. If you send them let me know whether they are to be considered as belonging to the School or to the Children who receive them. Knowing no person in Quebec to whom I can apply to draw my Salary I have on the other side sent you a power of Attorney. Let me know if I shall draw it at L'Assomption or in Montreal. If it can be sent to L'Assomption it will be much more convenient to

Previous to the examination of the School I sent a note to Mr. Burton requesting his attendance he sent me a word that he was unwell & taking medicine & therefore could not attend. After the examination Mr. Rogers waited upon him & wished him to sign the report he said that some of the people had upon some former occasion used him disrespectfully by saying that they would have a school here independent of him. He on that account did not wish to have any thing to do with it but if his refusal to sign the report would have any effect in stopping me from getting the Salary he would sign it.

447 / 9658 Report 23 March 1829

Report of the Government free School in Rawdon, at the Examination held on 23 March 1829.

	<u>Boys</u> Church			<u>Girls</u> Church					
	England	Rome	Pbtyn.	England	Rome	Pbtyn.	No. of Boys	No. Of Girls	Total
Admitted to 23 March 1829	10	2	8	4	4	5	20	13	33
Withdrawn	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	'
In School 23 rd March 1829	10	2	8	4	4	5	20	13	33

The branches of Education taught in the above School are Reading, English, Grammar, Writing & Arithmetic.

David Manchester, Senior

I have examined all the children attending the School at the Forks and to the best of my Judgment, they have done remarkably well, since Mr. Holmes has had the Superintendance [sic] of the Establishment.

J. E. Burton Missionary

Visitor

William Gordon Holmes was known to be resident at Rawdon 1829 – 1836. He had been a schoolmaster / teacher in Montreal 1820 – 1828 as indicated in the register of Christ Church, Montreal.

447 / 9675 Report 30 November 1829

Report of the School at Rawdon under the Board of Royal Institution at the Half Yearly examination held on Monday the 30th Day of November 1829.

	Church of England	Church of Rome	Presby - terian	Total No. Of Scholars
In school at last Half Yearly Examination March 1829	15	7	11	33
Admitted to 30 th November During the half Year	6	4	8	18
Received Instruction during the preceding half Year	21	11	19	51
Withdrawn during the preceding half Year	5	4	3	12
In School November 30 th 1829 at last Examination	16	7	16	39

J.E. Burton

D. Manchester

both signed