

1842, May 9
Toronto, [Canada West]

Abbott, Wilson R. to the Mayor and the Common Council
of Toronto

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Toronto May 9th 1842
May I please your worship
To his worship the Mayor and council of this City of
Toronto we the colored citizens of this City do pray that your
worships May be please to here this our petition. Feeling assured
that in the insueing Season Many Application will be Made
for Licens to perform in Amphitheatre and circus their by
contamennating the wholesome air of our City with ranky amuse
ment of Comic Songs known by the Name of Jim Crow and
Aunt Dinah we as Lawab Subject of British North America
and true to our gracious Soverigns do pray that in granting
such Licens their May be on the part of your worships such
Restriction as will shield us from this base ridicule we the
undersigned to Approach you in humble Submission to
all the Law and Regulation and for wich we ever pray

The Committee appointed by the people.

Messrs Wilson R. Abbott
do Joseph. Turner
do Wm. Harris
do Lewis

Messrs M. L. Fairfield

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 Necessity of the
 Present
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 Affairs
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 the
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 of
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 Year
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