

1841, October 14
Toronto, [Canada West]

Abbott, W[ilson] R., et. al. to His Worship the
Mayor of Toronto

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Communications
of
Coloured People
on
Actions of Census Riders
Oct- 14 1841.

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To

His Worship the Mayor of Toronto

The Petition of the undersigned,
People of Colour; residing in the City of Toronto;
Humbly Sheweth;

That Your Petition-
-ers are informed that a Company of "Circus
Actors" from the United States (now travelling
in this Province) are shortly to visit this City
for the purpose of performing &c.

That Your Petitioners from the
general and almost invariable practice of
such Actors in their Performances, have good
reason to apprehend Annoyances and insults,
in the manner they endeavour to make the
Coloured Man appear ridiculous and
contemptible in the eyes of their audience.

Your Petitioners would
humbly Pray that Your Worship would be
Pleased to prevent the occurrence of such
annoyances and insults, as Your Petitioners
believe

believe that such attempted Exhibitions of the
African Character are not at all relished or
approved of by the sensible and well thinking
Inhabitants of this Community.

And Your Petitioners as in duty
bound, will ever pray.

George Johnston
 Mr. Buxton
 Stephen Sutton
 Mrs. Harris
 James Ashton
 George Brown
 John Howard
 William Drake
 William Thompson
 David Smith
 Nicholas Howard
 John Blyton
 William Preston
 David Leggett
 William Smith
 Robert Gibbs
 Henry Randolph
 Thomas Williams
 Thomas Johnson

Washington Christy
 John Borey
 William Louch
 William H. Hunter
 John Harrod
 James Hensbury
 Richard Burke
 William Mellson
 Sandy Alexander
 Mrs. Alexander
 Syphat Carless

Toronto, 14th October 1841.

James Johnson
of Nanticoke
Wm. G. G. G.

Newton Carey

Andrew Bayly

Wm. Moore

Joseph Patterson

Major Cain

Henry Moore

Joseph - p. - James

Jarrad Banks

Geo Jones

R. Burk

John Davis

Wm. Whitt

S. D. Young

M. G. Long
Chas. J. Williams

James Henderson

M. G. G. G.

J. Smith

Peter Price

James D. Walker

John Custer

L. Howard

William Lewis

John Murphy

Nicholas Howard

John Roberts