

Honoured Sir

Blanford June 20th 1836

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On hearing of your arrival in our neighbourhood I enquired where you had taken your lodgings which I found to be at Capt. Drews as three bottles of Wine marked I had been carried from his Cottage for a Banquet while they were erecting a Gallows for poor Old Merocai. I suspected what my fate was to be as I did not expect that they would inform you of their ungentlemanly and usurping conduct respecting shutting up the Road against the peaceable inhabitants of Lora and their conduct to William Clark Silvester Sage, Joseph Randall and others that they have nearly brought the Inhabitants into a state of mutiny against them by their ungentlemanly and tyrannical behaviour neither do I expect that Capt. Drew told you how he shaved the Knave respecting the Swamp I had cleared on N. W. it cost me Five pounds Capt. Drew said he would give me nothing for it and that Mr. Robinson had given him a Deed of it I have been informed they accused me of being in a state of intoxication when I wrote my petitions which I declare to be an absolute falsehood as I have never had stimulus near me but once I then had purchased a place to move my family to and I requested a settlement from Capt. Drew his behaviour irritated me so much that I was not able to write without stimulation but not at Government's expence or theirs neither I have to work hard for my family I have had near Ten acres cleared and put into Spring Cuck and had had very little stimulus while they are living in luxury and ease on their pensions at the expence of the poor in Great Britain as I have been informed that your Excellency styles this a very fine Country but who has made it so fine, Squatters, who made these clearings on the frontiers of Blanford, Squatters who made the roads, Squatters, when would your contemplated village have been if it had not been for Squatters clearing the land and making the roads for when I came to this County first it was almost

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impossible to travel through on horseback at certain times
of the year now you would turn us off like as many negroes
and drive us into the wilderness without a farthing for
our improvements, for a few pence for it is well known
that if Capt. Durr could have fooled me out of my
improvements for little or nothing he could have had it
for ten shillings per acre as he got the rest of his Land
as I have been informed by Mr. Nellis but when we
came humbly to address you in our own behalf you
used us like dogs and would have ordered my execution
immediately had you been invested with the power you
your indignant and hostile Language to me before the
publick to cloath not verifying your promise to me as
a Blanford settler has made the Country to ring and you
fought Mr. Hill an old Man with a white head and
went down with old age which had been induced to
come into this Country through the means of his Wife
who is a native of Ireland and has seven sons respectable
inhabitants, all able to bear arms in defence of the County
he hearing your Language to me was afraid to speak for
himself which is fine encouragement for settlers when it
presented my first petition to you in York you told me
that it should have the privilege of purchasing men you
appear to have done all you can to prevent me of that
privilege as you let me to understand that I need not
expect mercy from you I shall now lay my case
before the publick in a small book titled *Jack the
beggar had the bastard squatter* it shall contain all
my humble petitions with the editorial remarks of
Daniel Defoe on the subject I shall remit a few copies
to England and a copy of my M. E. right along with a
petition to the Colonial Office I shall also remit a few
copies to Mr. Buchanan in New York to see whether
he can recollect the numerous emigrants I have brought
to his office to get passports for Canada

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as for your contemplated village I think it will turn
up like one that I saw in Shemo Bay near Sackets
Harbour as it came to Canada I could buy a good house
for the price of windows and doors as there is nothing to support
it but a few half pay officers and if their pay should be
cut off which is likely to be the case then some of them
will have to hoe corn and potatoes as well as myself
John Manselough

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To
His Excellency Sir John Colborne K. C. B.
Lieutenant Governor of His Majesty's
Province of Upper Canada &c, &c. &c.
York

Wm. Beveridge
Kingston 25 June 1833.

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