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To His Excellency Sir Francis B. Head  
K. B. Lt. Governor of the Province of  
Upper Canada &c &c &c in Council

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of the Township of Oxford in the London District, late  
a Clerk in His Majesty's Naval Storekeepers Department,  
in the Colonies

Sheweth

That your Petitioner served as a Clerk in His  
Majesty's Naval Storekeepers Department for ten years  
Six of which in that service in this Country and  
part of the time during the late War with the United  
States of America. that his services were no longer required  
in the year 1820. and has ever since been a resident, in  
the Colony

That he obtained a grant of 300 acres of land in  
the Township of Tecumseth on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1838.  
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the Government, to depend upon while in the service; having  
saved nothing while so employed; and having to support a  
family without other resources, has left your Petitioner  
without the means of complying with the conditions  
imposed upon him, by the said location, which  
conditions he has in consequence been unable to perform

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Government Sales of land, he trusts as it is not  
probable that any order that may be made with  
regard to him in this matter can be established  
as a precedent. that your Excellency in council will  
be pleased to order the issue of the patent for the  
said location without enforcing the conditions required  
to be performed by the said ticket, as it is utterly  
impossible from the present, or expected means of  
your Petitioner to comply with the conditions in question  
and as a consequence will be productive of serious  
inconvenience to your Petitioner, and defeat the  
gracious intentions of His Majesty in extending as he  
has done such a mark of his Royal favor as is  
intended by the grant now under consideration

Your Petitioner respectfully begs to suggest that  
he may not be placed upon a worse footing than  
militiamen who served during the late war, and who  
he understands (perhaps erroneously) obtain their  
patents for grants of land without any condition  
and as in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray

Wm. Burton

Oxford 31<sup>st</sup> May 1836

Petition B 19  
Edmund Blitch  
No 135  
Maying for his  
Acct -

Y<sup>rs</sup> Obedt<sup>ly</sup>  
30 June 1836  
Referred to the  
Survey General  
to report hereon  
for the information  
of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the  
Executive Council  
By Edmund  
Blitch

14. Jc. 6 June 1836.

The Petitioner as a reduced Clerk from  
the Naval Storekeepers Department was  
located  
December 1832 for Lot N<sup>o</sup> 6 and South  
half of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 7 in the 14<sup>th</sup> Concession of the  
Township of Tecumseth under Order in  
Council of the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1832. for which  
no description has issued.

S. G. 7 June 1836 J. Radenbush

In Council 9<sup>th</sup> June 1836.  
Not recommended  
W. Walker  
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