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May it Please your Excellency  
The Petition of John Gilliat formerly  
a Seaman in His Majesty's Navy  
Humbly Sheweth

That During the Late French & American  
Wars ~~of~~ Pittiam served on board H M  
fleet Between the years 1803 and 1815 &  
was Present at Most of the Action which  
Occur'd Between those Dates some of which  
I take the Liberty of mentioning Truxfulgar  
under Lord Nelson, St Domingo in Mangeneed  
Bay under Sir Jn Thom<sup>s</sup> Duckworth, forcing a  
Passage up the Dardanelles, Prince's Island Passage  
Down the Dardanelles, at taking of Alexandria,  
Storming of Roseta when Pittiam was taken  
Prisoner & was Brought out at Grand Cano  
Thence to be Behew'd. But was Saved  
By the interposance of the French Consul  
was Present at the taking of Acherate & Protheste  
in the Bay of Naples, was at the Defense of  
Messina, Destruction of French Squadron at  
Latter Blockading & taking of St Sebastian

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in Spain was at the taking of Point Peter &  
Cumberland Island New Amelun in command & taking  
of St Marys & of the Battle of New Orleans under  
the Command of admiral Cockburn & was  
discharged on the 15 of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1815 from H. M. Sloop  
of War Primrose Capt<sup>n</sup> C. G. Henry Phillot  
at New York,

That when your Petitioner left England in the  
year 1831 he showed a Not of unemployments of  
Land & his discharge being up at Somerset  
House for Price Money he left it behind him  
upon his arrival at New York & applied to  
Colonel Clergy Watson of New York at home  
who kindly bought a Memorial to the Navy  
Board but I never received any answer -

That your Petitioner has a wife & 4 Children  
and in Duke Street as I am growing old & for  
the sake of my family begs of your Excellency  
His right in a grant of Land. I have settled  
on Lot No 13 on the 2<sup>d</sup> Concession East of York  
where I have cleared about 5 acres we have  
the Lot falls to the Crown being forfeited  
By the Locutor Not Clearing it it was located  
in 1812 - Could your Excellency grant the  
the East half of the above Lot your Petitioner

Will as in Duties Bound for ever Pres

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Woodstock Oct<sup>r</sup> 23 - 1836

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John Gilbert N 41

God. Name  
28<sup>th</sup> October 1836

Referred to the Surveyor General  
& Executive Council

By Command  
Was set back on 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Oct 1836

To His Ex<sup>ty</sup> Sir Francis B. Head  
Lieut. Governor  
of Upper Canada  
City of  
Toronto

In Council 1<sup>st</sup> December 1836  
Not recommended

J. W. Mulvaney  
A.C.

74. 40. Communicated  
Oct. 1836 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1836

I do not find that the  
petitioner has received  
any Land

21<sup>st</sup> Nov 18 in the second  
Concession of the Township  
of Exford each as  
specified under Order  
in Council of the  
14<sup>th</sup> October 1795

in which no description  
has been issued  
24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1836

W. Rademacher

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