

In Committee 30th Aug^r 1853

The Committee recom-
mend a sale of the Island to the
Applicant at £2. 10/0 per acre,
on the distinct understanding
that should it prove that the
piece of land so designated
was at any former time a part
of the Mainland, the Applicant
shall not be regarded as having
a claim to compensation - as
suggested in the Report of the
Commissioner of Crown Land
dated 11th Aug^r instant.

Approv^d in Council 2^d Sept. 1853

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Petition No 19

William Hook

Beachville 29th Mar^{ch} 1853
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Island in the River
Stamms. Oxford

Plan and
3 documents

Ref B311^o 195 NB27/269

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Approved by a Committee

of the Hon^{ble} Executive

Council for consideration

& report By Command

of Her Majesty

Corresp^t W.
A. De la Roche

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Letter to Oba
9th April 1853

To His Excellency the Right Hon^{ble} The Earl of Elgin
Governor General of Canada
In Council

The Petition of William Hook of the
Village of Beachville in the County of Oxford Esquire
Humbly Sheweth That there is a certain piece
of Land being a Island, adjacent to his Mill
property as laid down in the plan herunto annexed
and that from the Situation of said piece of Land
laying as it does adjoining his Mill property and
in fact part of the Mill dam being built on the same
it might Cause a great deal of difficulty if not
Actual damages Should said piece of Land fall
into other hands

Your Petitioner therefore prays your
Excellency will Cause said piece or parcel of
Land to be sold to him on the usual terms and
your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray
Beachville 29th March 1853

William Hook

Document ref. William Hook's Petition
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The Applicant, who it appears, is the proprietor of
Mills at Beachville, and is the owner, as shown by
the accompanying Certificate by the Registrar for the
County of Oxford, dated 21 April 1853, and his own
Affidavit, made on the 26th of the same month,
of Lot number seven, in the Broken point Concessions
of the Township of West Oxford, desires to purchase
an Island, in the River Thames situated in front
of the said lot, in part covered by the backwater of
his Mills. --- He submits a Sketch by Deputy
Surveyor William Smiley, dated 25th March 1853,
from which it appears, that it contains ten Acre
and that its position is in front of Lots Nos 7 & 8
in the above named Broken point. Certificates by
Wm Smiley dated 28th March last & 20th April following
and an Affidavit by Calvin Martin Esq. made
28th March 1853, are likewise attached, in order
to prove, that no counter occupation or improvement

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exists, and that the Petitioner, is entitled to
presumption in favour.

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Upon examining the descriptions of the
lands, granted in the vicinity of the Island
applied for, it would appear to be disposable
Public Property, - the original margin of
the River, at the water's edge, being the
boundary of those Grants - The Island is not
laid down on the Official Maps, and as the fact
of available land as an Island, depends
solely upon the evidence supplied by the Petitioner,
it should be clearly understood, that, should
it prove, that the piece of land which it covers,
was at any former time a part of the Mainland,
he shall not be regarded, as having a claim
to compensation. - In this understanding
there would seem to be no objection to a sale
taking place, at the rate named by Mr Smiley,
and certified as its value, by Mr Carroll the Local
Agent, namely two pounds ten shillings per Acre.

Crown Land Department
Quebec, 11th August 1853

J. P. [Signature]
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