

To the Honourable the Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c. 16

In Council,  
The his Britannic Majesty's Subjects of the Northern part of the Township of Norwich find themselves under the

Disagreeable Necessity of stating our Grievances to your Excellency, concerning a great or overplus of Land between the Second and Third Concessions in the Township of Norwich as represented to your Excellency, by Peter Sapping, now and before, according to his own Report, which is, and has caused the great deal of Difficulty, that on the first Survey of the Township of Norwich, only every other Concession was run, which the said is front of the third Concession being the first, and at the time of Peter Sapping purchasing fifteen Thousand Acres of Land of the Hon. Mr. Colborne he was employed, by those who purchased off him, to survey the said and by Agreement with the said Peter Sapping, that if the Land held out more than was measured it was to be divided accordingly, if short for every one to be at the loss accordingly, supposing at the time that Sgt. William Dyer from the Crown, covered from the Concession Land in front to the said Allotment in the rear of the said Lot, and at the time of Peter Sapping surveying the Land in the first and Second Concessions, he found some Quantity more than the exact Measurement, the Land in front of the second Concession not being run and knew not where this overplus Land belongs, after making several applications to have the said run, and have being denied the same, all the the Original State is standing or was but few Days back on the East Side of the Town, from which the said might

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Solomon Loring was he assisted Peter Loring in surveying  
 the first ~~of~~ the settlement taking place in Norwich - found  
 on the 1st Concession Line a south set of stakes the one designating the  
 rear of the lots in Oxford and the other the front of the first concession  
 of Norwich - the following letter we discovered - as the 2nd Concession  
 Line had not been run - by Government Surveyor ~~we discovered~~ that between  
 the front of the first concession and front of the 3rd Concession (and it is said)  
 there was a surplus of Land or Gore which our Father did not include  
 or cover, he said Peter Loring say at the time that he thought it his duty  
 to report it to the Surveyor General - that some objections were made  
 as he understood his reporting it but proposed his dividing it among the settlers  
 which Peter Loring <sup>and</sup> he could not in convenience do as the Original Title which  
 he read to the Settlers - would not admit of any more than the chainage  
 of each Lot produced - respectively - That Peter Loring say about that  
 time that the Land belonged to Government and he would report it and  
 leave it for the Surveyor General to advise where to lay it and what should  
 be done about it - That not long after it was placed in the rear of the  
 2nd Concession - and in front of the 3rd - and became known as such by  
 the Settlers previous to the general division of the Land which took place  
 in the 2nd Season after ~~we~~ arrived in Canada.

That Joseph Lancaster made his pitch for his home Lot in the 2nd Concession  
 and commenced his improvement on the rear of his Lot - adjoining to what  
 he knew was designated as the Gore between his rear & the front of the 3rd Con  
 That in the summer of 1812 - before any land was cleared on the Gore he  
 heard Joseph Lancaster say that he had no claim on the Land (meaning the Gore)  
 but as it lay convenient to him he thought he should clear some of it for  
 he thought he should get the worth of his Money out of the Land before it  
 would be finally determined - This being about the commencement of  
 the late war the prospect looked distant before Land concerns would  
 be much attended to -

That he has lived in Norwich ever since that when Joseph Lancaster  
 cleared the Land now contended for on the Gore ~~Thomas J. Lancaster~~  
 Thomas J. Lancaster was a small boy he should suppose under six years  
 old that I have never heard of his pretending to any claim on im  
 proved or unimproved Land in Norwich till within a few Weeks  
 When by a Letter from the Surveyor Genl - it appears that Thomas J. Lanca  
 ster is recognized at York - as a Man who had improvements on said  
 Gore - He is still considered a boy and if any representation  
 has been made by Petition to the contrary - I sincerely believe it must  
 be an intentional gross imposition to deceive -

Solomon Loring

Affirmed before me  
 the 4 day of July 1823

Thomas Horner J.P.  
 J. Commisr in B.R. for the London District

16j George Wright says he came into the Country with Joseph Lancaster & family 1811 - and lived with him one year and about 3 Months - That in the Course of his living there Joseph Lancaster employed a Mr. Lawson to clear a piece or what was then talked of and considered a Gore in front of the 3<sup>d</sup> Concession - That Thomas Lancaster was then a small boy about 4 or 5 years old when this land was cleared and that there has been more cleared on the Gore by any of the Lancasters or their family since - That I still live in Norwich and was acquainted with much of transactions in regard to Peter Springs surveying apportioning and selling the land concerns with all the joint sellers - That as far as he ever discovered Peter Springs uniformly manifested an accommodating disposition to all the sellers and believe he was actuated by just and honorable motives in all his proceedings with the sellers -

Sworn before me the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1823 -

Thomas Horner J.P.

Commissioner B.P. for the London District

James Banker says that he has lived about seven years near the rear of Lot number 9 in the 2<sup>d</sup> Concession, next east of Joseph Lancaster's improvement on his lot and in sight of the land cleared on the Gore and in possession of J. Lancaster - That he Banker began his clearing on what was then supposed to be the Gore Line - it had never been regularly surveyed only his South West Corner had been ascertained by chaining the side line from the Oxford line - But when Lewis Burwell ran the Gore Line Peter Springs was present & insisted that Burwell did not allow the proper variation of the Needle and was running the Gore a little too wide as it did not hold out parallel with the given course or Town Line - Burwell continued his course whereby he ran a small stripe of Land off my improvement - But Peter Springs without hesitation gave me satisfactory assurances that if Burwell's line was confirmed - that he Banker should have his length of chain by an after Transfer or Disclaim - notwithstanding his Burwell's Line and has declared - that every seller in the 2<sup>d</sup> Concession should have the same offer before he would make any Transfer to any who own the Land in the 3<sup>d</sup> Concession - If he should receive a Deed of Trust, He has as far as I have seen shown a determination to guard every man's just rights in regard to the Gore - That Joseph Lancaster has kept the improvement on the Gore closely under tillage ever since he lived in the place - That he lately heard Thomas Lancaster say that he would be 16 years old some time this Summer - That he has ever been conversant in the Family of Lancaster but has never understood by any of them or any one else down to this Day that Thomas Lancaster owns or claims a foot of Land or improvement on the Gore

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or any where else - he is considered a boy and probably has  
an expectation of Land - when of age or after his father's decease  
as an heir - further that he has discovered an enmity in  
the Family of Joseph Lancaster towards Peter Sapping ever since  
he has lived where he now does -

Sworn before me the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1823 -

Thomas Horner J.P.

Commissary in B.R. for the London District

John Palmer says he came into Canada in the fall of 1811 and  
lived with Joseph Lancaster one year and 5 months - That in  
this time Joseph Lancaster hired one John Sapping to clear about  
seven acres on what was then called the Gore - and that he & John  
Palmer has lived within about one mile of Joseph Lancaster ever  
since and that he knows of no Land on the Gore on the Gore cleared  
by any of the Lancasters since - That previous to his Lancaster's clear-  
ing the Land in question - heard him say that he thought he should  
run no risque in clearing the Land as it lay convenient to what  
he had cleared - for he thought he should get the worth of his  
clearing it out of it - before it would be divided - This was about  
the commencement of the late war - That he further heard  
Joseph Lancaster say after he had it cleared and under improvement  
that possession was eleven points in the Law - and I shall try to  
keep it - and that his John Palmer's mind was at that time im-  
pressed with the Idea that it was not strictly upright in him.

his  
James + Banker  
mark

John Palmer

Affirmed before me the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1823 -

Thomas Horner J.P. Commissary in B.R.

Clyamond & Deburgh says he was one of the first who came  
into Norwich before the settlement commenced and has lived in  
Norwich ever since - That he has uniformly disapproved in Joseph  
Lancaster and Peter M'Leer - who now oppose Peter Sapping's pro-  
ceedings in regard to the Gore - a disposition of Assets and con-  
sents to obtain unjustifiable and selfish ends - That he has ex-  
amined the Affidavits now prepared to counteract their repre-  
sentations - and verily believed from his acquaintance with the  
Transactions of that affair relative to the whole concern - That  
what is asserted in those Affidavits are just and true & of great  
importance

Clyamond Deburgh

Affirmed before me  
the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1823.

Thomas Horner J.P.

Commissary in B.R. for the London District

Justice Wilson says that his Land lies next south of adjoining the Gore wherein Joseph Lancaster has formerly made about seven acres of improvement - and now contended for by Joseph Lancaster - he further says - that soon after he was informed that the Governor & Council had decided that the several parcels of Land in the Gore lying opposite to the respective Lots in the third conception - in order to enable them to have access to the Road on or about the North side of the Gore - and that it was expected that the several conveyances would be made by a Deed of Trust from Government for that Purpose - That Peter Lapine then proposed to said Justice Wilson and has since uniformly held up the same Idea to him that altho it was his Opinion that the constant tillage of the Land in question on the Gore which appears to have been for about Ten years past had fully remunerated said Lancaster for his expense in clearing it - yet he should expect before he received a Transfer of the Gore of Land designated for him, that Lancaster must have a fair offer or chance to obtain a fair compensation - if any should be found due him by any impartial tribunal for any actual loss said Lancaster might alledge he would be subjected to by giving up the improvement made on the premises or words to that purport or effect - a course of conduct said Peter Lapine has uniformly pursued as far as has come to my knowledge to guard particularly every man's right -

Approved before me  
the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1823

Thomas Hornor J.C.

& Commis<sup>r</sup> in B.R. for the London District

Justice Wilson

To His Excellency Sir Roger Maitland Lieutenant Governor  
of this Province of Upper Canada &c &c  
In Council

Your Petitioner respectfully represents that ~~your~~ <sup>he</sup> Petitioner has been long afflicted by a couple of Avaricious Men in Norwich whose views and wishes to infringe upon the rights of others he has in sundry instances opposed and thwarted; These Men having gained some influence over a few low ignorant Characters and some late credulous sellers have sought to annoy him by representations to his Excellency.

Having rec<sup>d</sup> a Letter from our Surveyor General stating that a Petition had been presented to his Excellency by one of these Men and his son a Lad - praying for relief in regard to their improvements on the Gore - and being recently informed that the answer rec<sup>d</sup> by this Youth from Government - shewing its intentions of honorably regarding the just rights of persons who have through mistake or otherwise improved this land - has stimulated this Joseph Sancocker and his Friend Peter McLeer (above alluded to) - to make a strong effort to thwart the measures taken and founded on my representations to his Excellency in Council last Winter - by another Petition with several signatures - privately circulated there - and kept a profound secret - except one honest Man a late comer and near connexion to McLeer - whom they calculated on - who opposed the injudicious thing and said he thought it his duty to give you <sup>the</sup> information - which Petition I understand is forwarded - your Petitioner

Therefore I feel myself under the disagreeable necessity to expose these Men by official Affidavits hereunto annexed - voluntarily given - not one of whose Characters for morality or veracity will be attempted by any one to impeach including facts - to elucidate the subject -

Your Petitioner begs your pardon in going through a perusal of these Affidavits - trusting their contents will excuse his troubling you with this unpleasant representation - and remove any doubt in your minds on the subject which might otherwise arise -

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will retain a sense of your favors -

At Norwich  
6<sup>th</sup> Mo 28<sup>th</sup> 1823

Peter Lapierre

Frederick Storer - says that he was one of the joint purchasers and sellers on the Land, in Norwich purchased of William Nelson Esq. That Peter Sizing transacted the whole concern in surveying the intermediate concession lines apportioning each one respective Lots and making the transfer deeds to all the first settlers - and his management, appeared to be at that time to the entire satisfaction of all - and as far as could discover Peter Sizing conducted the whole concern with generous, impartial and scrupulous punctuality and straightforwardness throughout. That he has seen some of the Norwich corner bounds mark on the old Conced line, and from general observation believes they were generally found as such. That we all were informed by Peter Sizing, that there was a surplus of Land between ~~between~~ the point of the first concession (being the Conced line) and the point of the 2<sup>d</sup> concession line, as the 2<sup>d</sup> concession line had not been run in the first survey - he had calculated this Gore to fall in the rear of the 2<sup>d</sup> concession. That a Road was petitioned for in 1813 or 1814 signed by Joseph Lancaster and Peter M<sup>r</sup> Lee and all the then settlers in the first & 2<sup>d</sup> Concession to be laid and established in the rear of the 2<sup>d</sup> Concession or as near as the Gore would admit - and as was then fully undoubted on the supposed north side of the Gore - which Road was by the Surveyor of Roads advertised ~~to~~ according to Law, presented and approved by the general Quarter Session - and by the above persons ~~opened~~ opened and used in stead of the Government Allowance in front of the 3<sup>d</sup> Concession and has been used as such ever since. That Joseph Lancaster previous to this Road being opened had cleared several Acres of Land on the Gore joining the rear of his Lot - and it being under grain - it has kept some part or other of it under tillage ever since - & Road has not been opened westwardly no farther than - to this improvement - but by an angle northwardly has continued to be used - as an indulged passway through the Joseph Lancaster Land past his Dwelling House. - That he has lately understood that Thomas Lancaster by some means has become noticed by Government as having an improvement on the Gore which if so it must be by some improper or unfounded representation - as Thomas Lancaster the eldest reputed Son of Joseph was when the ~~said~~ improvement was contended for by said Joseph was made could not have been more than 5 or 6 years old - and as he has lived ever since within a Mile and a Quarter of Joseph's Family knows this Thomas Lancaster - and that he is still accounted but a boy and has not been considered or known in the neighbourhood as claiming or holding any Land on the Gore or any where else. Signed by - Frederick Storer

Affirmed before me this  
4 day of July 1823  
Thomas Storer, J.P.  
I Commisr in B.C. for the London District

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Dear Friend—

I see thy communication relative to Thomas  
 I Lancaster & Joseph Lancaster's representation  
 by Petition relative to the Gore would have an  
 answer it occurs but the difficulty of obtaining  
 the Commissioners to take the Affidavits & to  
 qualify them has detained it as I conceived  
 from other circumstances which have trans-  
 pired it would be requisite that the subject  
 should be put unequivocally in a clear  
 light— I desire after thy perusal that  
 my Petition & Affidavits be laid before his  
 Excellency—at the next sitting of the Council  
 I should suppose in regard to what is suggested  
 in thy Letter respecting the Corner bounds—  
 that the present Corner on the front of the third  
 Concession Line would be the most eligible as that  
 is an old line and was measured with consider-  
 able more allowance than Purvel made & the cor-  
 ner do no agree.

As to the Gore being specifically attached to  
 the Land in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession—or stated in  
 the Deed as lying between the rear of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
 front of the third—I apprehend a matter of in-  
 difference provided that the Trust is clearly  
 expressed to Authorise the Person in Trust to  
 make the conveyances to the Respective own-  
 ers of the Land in the 3<sup>rd</sup> con—

Remain affectionately and with  
 every sentiment of Esteem—

To Thomas Reidout Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup>—

Peter Spring



Mr. Petition of  
Peter Loring -

The principal name  
is recorded in  
the petition with  
the enclosed return  
of the Survey of Lands  
and other further  
information of the  
Hon. Sec. of C.

In Witness Whereof  
I have signed  
this 12th day of  
September 1823  
John A. Reidout  
Surgeon

Reference is respectfully requested to  
your Excellency's order in Council  
of the 6th February 1823. on a former  
Petition of Peter Loring - also

a petition  
to now reported on to your  
Excellency from Thomas and  
Joseph Lancaster. - No description has yet issued  
for the fore of vacant lands mentioned in these petitions  
Survey. Sec. Office  
12th Sept. 1823.

John A. Reidout  
Surgeon

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Surgeon

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To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland Kt  
C B Lieutenant Governor of the Province  
of Upper Canada &c

In Council  
I Thomas J Puncaster find my-  
self under the necessity of writing to you in my  
Father's behalf But by his request as he being  
Old and unable to write his own business.

As he being one of His Britannic Majesty's subjects  
In the Province of Upper Canada finds himself under  
the necessity of applying to you for justice as he having  
made purchase of several Lots of Land which was purchased  
of Wm. Welby Esq. By Peter Dossing and Peter  
Delong and he having made his purchase of the said  
Peter Dossing which at the time of his taking posses-  
sion and chose his Lots for Settling being ones  
10 and 11 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession of the above men-  
tioned Township but at the time of his Settling  
Peter Dossing told him he had some Idea of there  
being a small overplus of Land on the Lots but if  
so and that Government laid any Claim there to  
he would Endeavour to Obtain it and that he should  
have what was joining to his own farm But now  
according to Peter Dossing's report now in circula-  
tion is that he has obtained a Deed from Gov-  
ernment for the said overplus Land which he is  
disposing off to other People and that the said Land  
is to be annexed to the concession on the south  
Which he thinks very strange that Land should  
be taken from one tier of Lots and should be annexed  
to them which have got their full compliment  
and at the same time he knows not that he have

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got the compliment - he is Entitled to, as the front Line  
of the second Concession have not been correctly run  
as it have been kept in agitation by the said Peter  
Dossing concerning the over plus Land where it  
should be but it is thought by Different people  
that there need not be any difficulty attending  
it as the Original Stake for the said Line is not  
standing & was but little time since on the East  
Line of the Town as he has always understood that an  
original stake could not be put away nor yet a con-  
-cession Line But if it is that it can be so our Titles  
may be all thrown away, as he always understood  
myne Willcox Esq<sup>r</sup> Deed covers from concession  
to Concession which was given from the Crown  
and my Father's Deed specifies that the reserva-  
-tions Limitations and conditions Express'd in  
the Original Grant from the Crown and for that  
reason he cannot see any over plus Lands in the  
said concession, <sup>that</sup> Government should <sup>have</sup> any Claim  
to as it being all covered by the said <sup>myne Willcox</sup>  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Deed but if so he will be obliged to see  
what can be done By the Laws of his Country if  
if there cannot be any redress from your Excellency  
as our fields with Grain are lying open to the  
Commons and one justus Willson living on <sup>the</sup>  
Lot N<sup>o</sup> 10 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> concession has forbid us mak-  
-ing a fence to secure our crop on what they call  
the over plus Land as he says it belongs to him  
therefore I hope your Excellency will be so con-  
-descending as to give my father an answer Im-  
-mediate and we shall be ever in Duty Bound to pay  
To Sir Peregrine Maitland K<sup>t</sup> Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper  
Canada  
I Mounceil To Lancaster  
J. J. J.

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to be true, and we having applied to several different  
 Surveyors, to run the said line, but by the influence  
 of Peter Jeffrey we cannot get it done, as he tells  
 them there is a grant, and he is waiting for Orders from your  
 Excellency; at which time these Surveyors know not of any  
 Grant in that part of the Township, and by these proceedings  
 we are this day recommended, left without tracks, that we cannot  
 take a step to or from our place of Amherst, nor neither  
 do we know where to seek our Statute Labour, for Peter Jeffrey  
 tells us we must not put it there, through the influence  
 of Peter Jeffrey the Magistrate will tell us we must not  
 put it there, not even where the Concession line is run from  
 the first Survey of the Township on Account of this Purchase  
 land, at the same time we know not of any Grant but what is  
 made by the Original Deed; but we believe it to be only a self  
 Interest of Peter Jeffrey, more than for the benefit of Government  
 as he has sold part of the said land, as he calls it, on the  
 10th of May in the Grand Concession, being part of a charge  
 referred, and have given a true and indisputable Certificate in  
 full Compliance, to John Jeffrey of the said Township Date in the  
 Year 1720, should this land be, and be true parallel with the  
 said Patent Casper and Norwich, all our Deeds and Titles  
 would be of no Use to us, and without some address from  
 your Excellency we must be thus recommended, which we hope  
 your Excellency will take in consideration and give the necessary  
 Relief and by so doing we shall be ever in Duty bound to pray.  
 (S) Should your Excellency wish to know any further particulars  
 of the party herein concerned, with some and give a  
 particular Account of the proceedings from the first settling  
 of the above said fifteen Thousand Acres of Land up to the  
 present time, and if necessary qualify them.  
 Sir Benjamin Stoddard about June  
 of the Province of Upper Canada 1764 &c &c &c

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Thomas de la Roche

Govt House  
29<sup>th</sup> April 1823

The Surveyor General  
is requested to report  
hereon for the informa-  
-tion of the Honorable  
- Council in order

W. H. Miller

In Council 28<sup>th</sup> 8

Provinces of Upper Canada

Wm. B. Clark Governor of the

Province of Ontario

Reference to your Excellency  
order in Council of the 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 1823 on the Petition  
of Peter Doping is respectfully  
requested, as also to a Petition  
from

from the said Peter Doping, this day reported on  
to your Excellency. No description has yet appeared  
for the vacant fore of land, the subject of these Petitions.  
Sec. Gen. office  
12. Sept. 1823

Thos. Ridout  
Surgeon

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Sir  
Lieutenant Maitland Lieut. Governor of the  
Province of Upper Canada H. C. B. & A. & C.

In Council

I am sorry to think that I find myself under the  
necessity of troubling the Colony as often as I have done,  
but by receiving a letter by the Order, in answer to the  
Petitions that were sent from me, and others of the Sub-  
stantials of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Concessions in the Journals of  
Norwich; stating that they were received, and that the Colony  
had referred to the consideration of the Honorable the Executive  
Council; that the Decisions thereon might be soon; and  
I having heard nothing of the proceedings, concerning that  
matter; I therefore thought it nothing less than my duty to  
Petition to the Colony once more; in consequence of my wife  
and family; which I must shortly expect to leave behind to  
the mercy of the people of this world; as I am now in my  
Eighty Sixth year; and laid helpless sixteen months;  
which causes me to have a great desire to have things put  
where they justly ought to be; I therefore trust that the  
Colony will give ear to my request; as the first mentioned  
Petition that were sent to the Colony was concerning the timing  
of the Land in front of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession and a little over  
a half of Land which Peter Lefroy <sup>found</sup> to be more than the  
exact measurement; in the before mentioned 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Con-  
cessions, and by Application, said he had the Order from  
the Surveyor General to have a line run to separate it from  
the respective Lots; which he calls a good Land or New Con-  
cession where he attempted by Application to that Honorable  
Body.

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to put aside the old line in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> Concession  
 and Annex the Overplus of Land to the said Concession;  
 which I think must be a great error; for either Peter Leffing  
 or a Magistrate should take to put a side end of the old line  
 ways, and forbid a survey of High ways opening the said line  
 which have being run from the first survey of the Township  
 and also under a great disadvantage for want of the line  
 being run in front of the 2<sup>d</sup> Concession; as there are not any  
 need to get out from that part of the Settlement; nor neither  
 do we know where our governing Statutes are in the 2<sup>d</sup> Concession  
 which have being part of being run by Peter Leffing;  
 without an Order from the Colony, or from the Surveyor  
 Genl; where I think no Difficulty might have taken place, as  
 the Stake is now standing on the East Line of the Township  
 where the said line ought to be run; which if I don't mistake  
 ought to be the true Course of the governing Lines; of the  
 Township; According to the Statutes of the Province of Nova  
 Scotia; I myself and I believe others of the Subscribers of  
 the before mentioned Concessions; don't wish to put Government  
 to any Expence what ever; only Grant the privilege to have  
 the Line run, According as the Law directs; and therefore  
 Led to believe there will not be any overplus Land found  
 in the 2<sup>d</sup> Concession; but if so; if it be Lawfull to take from  
 and, by the same rule; it will be Lawfull to had to another  
 that may be short of its measurement; and purchased  
 One Lot N<sup>o</sup> 11, in the first Concession, which is Judge  
 to be near Thirty Acres short of its Complement;  
 but that I don't mind so much as I do to have my home  
 farm torn to pieces; my Improvements divided and taken  
 myself and family by what Peter Leffing calls his fore  
 line; I hope the Colony will look and take it into Consider  
 ation and Grant my Request; and by so doing I shall be ever  
 in Duty bound to pray —

Joseph Lancaster

To Sir Richard Maitland  
 Secy Genl of the Province of Upper Canada  
 the 13<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Mo 80, at Toronto

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No. Council. 7<sup>th</sup> April 1824

Upon full consideration of the Petition of Peter Loring and Lancaster respecting the lots in Norwich, between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Concessions of which the Surveyor General's Report vacants 373 Ares. The Committee respectfully recommends, that such parts of the said vacant lands, as is not improved by any Inhabitant of the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession may be divided equally between the Proprietors of the lots adjacent in each Concession, but that in such cases where Improvements have been made by the Proprietors of the adjacent lots in either Concession the said vacant lands to annexed to make part of the lot by the Inhabitant of which such Improvement was made, and that for such purpose the said vacant lots be granted in Grant to Commissioners, having no Interest in either Concession to be conveyed by them in conformity to the Bill here submitted -

Wm Dummer Powell

Copy of the above Minutes sent to the Surveyor General 18<sup>th</sup> June 1824.

Joseph Lancaster

Entered in Town Book etc. page 89.

The Surveyor General is requested to report hereon for the information of His Excellency the Lt Governor

Jos. Goude

March 8. 1824

By command

Wm Dummer Powell  
 May it please your Excellency,  
 Under your Excellency's order in Council of the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1823, on the Petition of Peter Loring, a certain piece of land

Reported by actual Survey as containing 373 Ares, lying between the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Concessions of Norwich, was permitted to be granted in Grant for the purpose of conveying the same to the Inhabitants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession; that subsequently to the said order, which has not yet been carried into effect, Petitions have been preferred to your Excellency by Thomas and Joseph Lancaster both Inhabitants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession stating the injury they will sustain should the said piece of land be abstracted from the second Concession, whereas they have settled and improved.

I respectfully lay before your Excellency the Petition of Thomas Lancaster both Inhabitants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession from Mr Peter Loring, and own humbly of opinion that unless the contending parties will suggest some Plan to which they will all assent for carrying into effect the equitable division of the fore of land contemplated by your Excellency's order in Council, that they be left to settle their respective Claims by a Court of Law.

Jos. Goude 18<sup>th</sup> March 1824

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We the subscribers here in common have hereunto  
set our names

- Joseph Ross
- John Griffin
- Peter McLees
- Edmund Wainwright
- John H. Cabin
- William Spenser
- John Deasie
- Michael Nichols
- Henry Lightner
- Warren L. Corbair
- Thos. J. Lancaster

I am my father's behalf  
 he being unable to write himself  
 But by his request

We the above signers are sorry to state to your Excellency  
 that we have being informed, that there are an  
 Affidavit, or some thing similar thereto prepared to  
 be forwarded to your Excellency, in behalf of Peter  
 Lapsing, stating that there never was any suited  
 agreement, that if there was any more land in the  
 Purchase than the ~~land~~ measurement that it  
 should be divided amongst the first purchasers, or  
 if not enough, for every purchaser to be in part in  
 the ~~land~~ <sup>to be purchased by the company</sup> as  
 that is enough, ~~by~~ by those who signed the  
 said agreement.

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To  
Sir Leonard Maitland  
Lieut. Governor of The Province  
of Upper Canada H. C. B. Esq.  
in Council.  
On M. M. Service York.

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Norwich 11<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Mo 1823.

Dear Friend

Having rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from A. Mercer C<sup>lk</sup> informing that the prayer of a Petition from me to his Excellency in Council has been granted - viz that a grant be given to some person by Patent in trust of a small parcel of land in Norwich lying in front of the third conception in Town ship to enable such Grantee to make Transfer Deeds to the several Owners of the Lots in the third Conception - agreeably to a former decision in the premises - But the Particular person not having been named in the Petition - to review such patent nor any conclusion respecting the fee of Office to be laid on & Co<sup>rs</sup> - My friend Mercer advised me to write to Major Williams on the subject - Accordingly I have here with sent a Petition - of most respectful & humble prayer for the several items desired - And a nomination of the Person to review the patent annexed. It would please to do me the favour to present said Petition at the next sitting of the Council - And very much oblige you

My affectionate friend  
Peter Spring

To Major Williams

To His Excellency Benjamin Matthews Lieut. Governor  
of this Province of Upper Canada &c &c

In Council

Your Petitioner respectfully represents

That as the prayer of your Petitioner in regard to a  
small piece of Land lying in Norwich in front of the third  
cornicion has been favorably granted - But Andrew  
Merritt Esq. by his Letter informs that the Surveyor  
General cannot proceed therein, because the persons to  
whom the Patent is to be made, is not identified by

the Order in Council nor was mentioned in the Petition  
A few principles inhabitants in that cornicion have  
signified by their signatures (which is annexed) their desire  
that your Petitioner should be intrusted with that

and charge which is submitted to your decision  
and also that your Petitioner may be informed  
the amount of the fees of office and charges so as to enable  
him if the Patent should be ordered granted to him to ar-  
range the usual projections on the respective parcels  
to whom the transfers are to be made

And lastly a decision is prayed for in respect to <sup>any</sup> parcels  
or parcels of Land to whom the transfers are to be made  
if any of them should neglect or refuse to pay the fees  
of Office within a reasonable or given time - which  
would leave your Petitioner in a dilemma to know  
how to act - There having been some hints thrown  
out by one individual - that he would be critical, or con-  
tentious - as the Transfer could not be withheld if he did not  
pay the fees - which has occasioned the last re-  
quest

If the prayer of your Petitioner is favorably answered  
endeavors will be used as soon as may be to forward  
the fees of Office - and other Charges -

And your Petitioner as ever will feel grateful for  
this and all former favors - under the Govern-  
ment of his choice

Peter Spring

Norwich  
4th Mo 4th  
1823

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the 3<sup>d</sup> Concession of Norwich having  
ing Confidence in the Capacity and integrity of Peter Sebring - nomin-  
ate him as a fit Person - to receive a Patent for the Gore lying in front of the  
this Concession in Norwich - as he will be able at a moderate expence to  
apportion & make the several Transfers - agreeably to the intention of  
his Excellency in Council by their late decision - in the premises -  
Norwich 3<sup>d</sup> Mo 28<sup>th</sup> 1823.

Signed by -  
Gale Josephides  
Justice Wilson  
Jos H. Streetman  
John Mearns  
John [unclear]  
John [unclear]  
Seth Weston

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Major Miller

Private Secretary to his Excellency

York Upper Canada

Persepolis  
14<sup>th</sup> April  
1823

Received  
of the  
Commissioner  
of the  
Land Office  
for the  
sum of  
£100  
the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1823  
per Miller

17 Jan 1823  
to the  
Commissioner  
of the  
Land Office  
for the  
sum of  
£100  
the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1823  
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I John Gillan living in the second concession of  
Norwich having cleared and improved the Land up  
to the supposed Gore Line before it was surveyed by  
Lewis Brunwell Dep<sup>y</sup> Surveyor and had no Idea that  
I had any claim on the Gore or any part of it - & know  
of nothing but what Peter Sebring has conducted the  
Business respecting the Gore fairly to secure every persons  
just rights and that Thomas O Lancaster is son of  
Joseph Lancaster and a Minor —

John Gillan

Witnessed before me the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823.

Thomas Hornor J.P.  
& Commissioner in B.R.

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