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Norwich 15<sup>th</sup> June 1826

To  
Sir Douglass Maitland Kt. C. B. Secy. General  
of the Province of Upper Canada W. S. S.

In Council,

In consequence of Joseph Larocaster of the place mentioned  
above having been informed that your Excellency and Council  
had ordered a parcel of Land to be made and divided by a central  
Line in the rear of the second concession, and front of the third  
as laid down by Peter Sapping, which will take off part  
of his Inclosure, which Land he thought to be his  
Property, as his deed was given in the year one thousand  
Eight Hundred and Twelve as Lines and Stakes at that  
time stood, and by way of Sutch Dred he built and  
improved considering the Line in front of the third  
concession to be the rear of the second, but he had  
being informed that there was a copy of a Order, in the  
Office of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Secy in Windsor, which specifies  
that the Original, is by your Order and Council, for splitting  
the said parcel or overplus of Land, joining the  
before mentioned Line, if true as reported in the copy  
aforesaid that the central Line is to be had as the parties  
have agreed, and that Mr. Powell and Chas. Sengers, Esq  
have the settling and dividing the same, (but it is) the  
parties have never being agreed and ~~report~~ with as who ever  
have made any such report have told that which is not  
true, as he the said Joseph Larocaster have spent a great  
deal of Property and time to clear the Land, for to get  
silently had in this wilderness, and he cannot think of  
giving it away, and he thinks his Majesty's Law must  
be very cruel to compell him to give up his property  
which he honestly bought and paid for, and considered

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himself to have a Undeniable title for the <sup>24</sup> 1807  
he thought he might spend his Days, secured by the  
Mafco by Law, without the Least fear of what may be  
called <sup>by way of Antiquity</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~other~~ <sup>other</sup> ~~proceedings~~ <sup>proceedings</sup> that might  
Occur, either against person or property; he therefore  
trusts that your Excellency will Look Up with Justice and  
equality, and think on the Helpless and what may be  
called not any better than the Fatherless and Widowed  
as he is almost spent in ~~your~~ ~~and~~ ~~his~~ ~~own~~ ~~helpless~~  
and not able to attend to his ~~own~~ ~~business~~ ~~for~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~  
Last Year; and any person wanting, or wishing to take  
from another what never belonged to them, nor never will  
by law nor Justice, never can be deemed to ~~deserve~~ ~~an~~ ~~act~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~  
brought to Justice, which will be done, if any such ~~proceedings~~  
be ~~afforded~~ ~~upon~~ ~~the~~ ~~before~~ ~~mentioned~~ ~~premises~~ ~~of~~ ~~Joseph~~  
Lancaster, which is Lotts No 20 and 21, in the ~~same~~  
Concession of the before mentioned Township as his ~~share~~  
therein be the same word or Lot, should there  
be more in his home Lotts which Don't exceed Twenty  
five Acres, when at the same time Lott No 20 and 21  
Six Concession which he bought he said to be Thirty three  
Acres short of its complement, now if Justice takes, if  
to take from one why not add, to another, but he trusts  
that your Excellency, will look towards the aged and  
afflicted and for Right and Justice to inhabit this  
Province and by so doing he will ever be in Duty bound  
to pray

Joseph Ross, Esq

To Sir Augustus Maitland  
K. C. B. Lieut. Governor of  
the Province of Upper  
Canada &c &c &c  
in Council

Joseph Lancaster

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Subhabitants however subsequently petitioned  
 His Excellency in Council on the subject -  
 and the following order in Council 8<sup>th</sup> March  
 1826. was made thereon - "That the different  
 Recommendations of Council having failed  
 to quiet the persons interested in the fore,  
 it is humbly submitted that when they offer  
 a Plan Satisfactory to all parties the  
 Council will very readily concur with  
 your Excellency in carrying the same into  
 effect." *W.P.*

*W.P.*  
 Sep. 22 July  
 1826.

*Tho. Ridout*  
*J. G.*

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*W. P. Leary*  
*J. Lancaster*  
*P. White*  
Land

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S. H.  
 If you can afford me  
 any information on  
 the merits of the  
 enclosed statement  
 I shall be much  
 obliged.

Truly yours  
*W. P. Leary*  
 The Petitions of Messrs  
 Leary & Lancaster, with  
 respect to a vacant piece  
 of land between the 2<sup>d</sup> &  
 3<sup>d</sup> Concessions of Norwich,  
 were fully considered in  
 Council 7. April 1824 -  
 and a mode pointed  
 out whereby the existing  
 differences might have  
 been settled. Sundry  
 Subhabitants