

To the Excellency Sir Francis Bondurant K. C. B. &c. &c.
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada in Council

The Petition of Thomas Laporte of the County of Repulse of the Royal
Navy -
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner arrived in this Province with the Month of May
the thousand eight hundred and thirty four with the understanding that he was
intitled (by the indulgence of His most Excellent Majesty) to a grant of
Land for his services as a first class petty officer in His Majesty's Navy
during a period of seven years - That your Petitioner was provided by a warrant
order in Council which took effect from the first day of January the second
eight hundred and thirty four, that you grants of Land to Soldiers and Sailors
are no longer allowed - but your Petitioner humbly hopes that as he arrived
in this Province for the special purpose of becoming a settler here in the
Province to the time when the order in Council took effect, which at present
has his claim, that your Excellency will be pleased to take his case into
your favourable consideration more particularly as it is the intention of your
Petitioner to become an actual settler upon any lands which it may be your
Excellency's pleasure to grant - And your Petitioner as in duty bound will
ever pray -

Thos Laporte

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We the Undersigned Admiral, Commanders and Lieutenants of
His Majesty's Royal Navy do hereby certify that we know Mr.
Thomas Lapenskin the present petitioner for a grant of land for
his services in His Majesty's Royal Navy, is the son of Captain
John Richards Lapenskin a very old and distinguished officer in His
Majesty's Service, who commanded a ship at the battle of Trafalgar
under Lord Nelson, and we beg to recommend him to the favourable
consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Henry Vane Hart Vice Admiral
Andrew Dew. Commander
J. Graham = Commander
Edw. Buller Lieutenant R.N.
James Gibberly Lieut.

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I do not find the Petition in record
 any Land
 13th Dec 1837
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The Council 12th January 1837
 The Council enquire that the
 case of the petitioner can hardly
 be considered as coming within the
 order of August 1834 - he came
 into the Province with a view to
 settlement previously to the issue
 of the order, and does not seem
 to have been aware of its issue after
 he had made his first applications
 which was a short time after the
 regulation came in force, the Council
 therefore would respectfully recommend
 that the Petitioner be allowed
 to locate as a Petty Officer, upon
 the late order.
 J. P. M. Williams
 Communicated 17th January 1837

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 Thos. LaPrade
 Making a grant
 of Land

W. Macaulay
 13th Dec 1837

Referred to the
 Joseph General
 to report hereon
 for the information
 of the Hon^{ble} the
 Executive Council
 W. Macaulay

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