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Henry Lawson, formerly a soldier
in Colonel Robinson's Regiment
of Sayab Americans, was at the
Lieut-Governor's Office, with a
Petition for Land in Sept: 1816.
but not being prepared to pay
the Patent fees, should a grant
be made to him at the time,
he did not prosecute the object
of the Petition -

Edw MacMahon

York, 10 Sept: 1816

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British Consul General's office
New York 23rd May 1812.

Sir.

The Bearer Hendrick Lawson was a Soldier in my company during the American^{War}, and a perfectly correct, sober, honest and particularly neat man. - He was then, and has ever since continued a Royalist. On the prospect of War between Great Britain and America, his Loyalty leads him to head up a comfortable establishment in this State, and to retire with his three Sons and a daughter within His Majesty's Dominions. - Upper Canada is the place I have advised him to go to. - Men like Lawson, and his Sons are valuable at all times as Settlers, because they will ever afford their ready assistance to preserve peace and order, and by the propriety of their conduct, lead others to follow their example. If war should take place, which is not improbable, on these men you may place implicit confidence, not only as to their Loyalty, but in their steady gallantry. - Of the Sons I know nothing, but if they inherit the father's spirit, they are regardless of danger in the Service of their King and Country. - I feel an interest in favor of this faithful old man, not easily oppressed; and interest, as a personal favor, that you will have the goodness to order him and his Children a good location of land, adjoining each other, and if practicable in a part of the Province, which he wishes to reside in.

I am

with much truth and respect

Sir

Your obedient and humble Servant

John Barclay

General Brock.

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To his Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland Esq⁷³
Lieut Governor of this Province of Upper Canada &c &c
In Council

The Petition of
Henry Lawson the Person mentioned in the
within papers - humbly represents -

That he is far advanced in years and
so low in his pecuniary circumstances
that he cannot well bear the fatigue and
expense of a journey - to the Seat of Govern-
ment - upon entire uncertainty - That he
has made choice of a Crown reserve among
his acquaintances in the Town of Norwich
Lot no 3 in the 8th Concession - and if it is
inadmissible for him to be any farther
indulged - would very willingly accept of
a Lease on the usual terms - for said Lot
and desires a little indulgence till he can
raise the fees of office for said Lot - and
desires to hear by his friend Peter Lapsing
how far he may expect to be indulged in
his wishes -

Henry Lawson

Norwich
February 10th 1819

The above Petitioner is very poor - his advanced
age - preventing him from ~~from~~ accumulating -
more than daily subsistence his general Character
is that of an honest Industrious Man - but has
heretofore been unfortunate in his calculations
and particularly in his coming to this Province
when he did -

Peter Lapsing

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Case E379
Petition of
Henry Lawson
for lease

Not Reserved but
under Grant in fee
simple.

To His Excellency
Sir Peregrine Maitland Esq
Lieut Governor of Upper Canada

at the
Head 25 Feb 1819

Lease granted
MM

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Lot 3 in the 8th Concession
of Norwich is not a reserve
but is part of the land granted
to the late Wm. Willcocks
in that Township
190. (without
9 April 1819. 10000)

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