

His Excellency, James Bruce
Earl of Elgin and Lincoln
Governor General of British
North America &c

In Council.

The humble petition of Jacob Maurer
of the Township of Lora in the Brock District and
Province of Canada, ^{the younger} Geoman Sheweth.

Paid for the
Copy
Locates -
Clear -
Bridges
Thompson's
of the de Com. letter
Stanger's letter
Beall's letter

That in the month of January in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
forty five, your petitioner entered into an agreement
with one, Edward Hergold, then transacting a
Land Agency business in the village of Ingersoll
in the Township of District of Brock
and Province aforesaid, for the purchase of Lots
Numbers, Thirty five and Thirty six in the streets
Concession of the Township of Lora, aforesaid.

That in pursuance of such agreement
your petitioner entered into possession of the before
mentioned lots of land, and paid to the said
Edward Hergold, at different periods Seventy five pounds
Currency on account of the purchase money thereof.

That your petitioner has cleared and
improved on lot of number Thirty five aforesaid upwards
of Six Acres and built thereon a good log house and
barn

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paid to said Newbold the further sum of Fifty
pound currency, a receipt for which is in the words
and figures following. This is to certify that I have
received the sum of £50.0.0 from Jacob Maurer to
apply in lot No. 36 in 19th Con: & 11th part 35 in 19th Con
of Iowa and for which sum I am to receive from
the Government the said land to the said Maurer
& I also will hold myself accountable for all
improvements made by him.

John Newbold

Pejasole 5th March 1846.

And this deponent further saith that he has lately
understood that said Newbold had no authority to
sell the aforesaid lots of land. And this deponent
further saith that he has cleared upon said lot
Number Thirty six about Twenty acres, and therein
improved the same. And this deponent further says
that he is totally unacquainted with the English
language, being a native of the Canton of Bern
in Switzerland.

Sworn before me this
25th day of March 1847
G. J. [Signature]
J. P. H. D.

Jacob^{hi} + Maurer for
Mark

The same having been
first read over and
which he appeared to
understand

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Canada West

Home District

To wit

Personally appeared before me
 George Percival Ridout ——— one of
 Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Home
 District and Province of our said Province, John
 Jackson of the Townships of Melmore and Melkington
 Districts. Towns. who being duly sworn, makes
 oath and saith; That he is well acquainted
 with Jacob Mawson of the Township of Jones
 and District of Brock having known him
 since his arrival in this Province, that said
 Mawson is an honest, respectable and law-abiding
 man. That this deponent has been frequently
 on the clearances of said Mawson and in his
 house, and this deponent further says that said
 Jacob Mawson now resides on his cleared and
 improved several acres of the lot he is about to petition
 the Government to be allowed to purchase

I am what I am
 H. V. Campbell
 Justice of the Peace
 25th of March 1847

Sworn before me this
 25th day of March 1847
 G. P. Ridout
 J. P. H. D.

John Jackson

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Answered
14th March
Sir

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Agincourt
West. Oxford
5th March 1846.

May I request to know the name of the
Murner Edward in your Books for Lot 2036 in the 19th
Co. Zone & the North part of Lot 35. Located by
Lincoln Smith a Discharged Seaman who was some
Twenty years ago found dead and leaving nothing
as it supposed Mr Murner has been in possession and
has the Privilege to sell as the government may see fit
to sell to whom the Purchaser by referring to the Copy of an
letter from the Surveyor General's office dated the 18th Decr.
1844. you will observe what has been said already on
the subject. I have considered it a favor on the part of
the government to secure it for him.

Your Early reply will be thankfully received
I have

The Honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient
Edo Menzies

Yours
Geo Brown Laird
Montreal

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Edw. Merigold
 for
 Jacob Murner
 Inq. 22nd Mar. 1846

That his name
 be entered for 36 in 19th
 and note p. 35

Yours
 Wm. M. Smith
 to the
 Com. of L. C.

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 MAR 22 1846

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MONTREAL
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been and has also closed upon the said lot Number
Thirty six, upwards of Fifteen acres of land.

That your petitioner has learned
on enquiring from the Honorable the Commissioner of
Crown Lands that the aforesaid Edward Mergold
had no authority from the Government to enter into
any agreement with your petitioner for the sale
of the before mentioned lots of land.

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That your petitioner is totally
unacquainted with the English language, and
the mode of transacting land business in this
Province

That the said Edward
Mergold represented to your petitioner that he was
fully authorized to sell the aforesaid lot of land
to your petitioner -

That your petitioner fully
understood and believed that the said Mergold
was an Agent of the Government for the disposal
of lands.

That your petitioner has procured
and has annexed herewith, the Certificate of the Deputy
Provincial Land Surveyor Mr Joseph Kirk, as to the
location of said lots of land by your petitioner, the
Number of acres contained in the same with the value
thereof.

Your petitioner further shews
that the aforesaid lot of land at Number Thirty five
is the

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Attestant's Conception of the Township of Lorne contains
Twenty nine acres and three rods be the same more or less
and is valued by Joseph Kirk D.P.S. at One pound
ten shillings per acre, and that Number Thirty six
in the Conception and Township aforesaid contains
Twenty six acres, two rods and twenty seven inches
be the same more or less and is valued as aforesaid
at One pound ten shillings per acre

That your petitioners annex herewith
Affidavits verifying the foregoing statements.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray Your
Excellency that he may be allowed to purchase
Lots Number Thirty six and Thirty six in the
Attestant's Conception of the Township of
Lorne at the valuation placed thereon by the
Deputy Provincial Surveyor Joseph Kirk
of One pound and One pound ten shillings
per acre respectively, and that a Patent
may be issued in your petitioners name.
And your petitioners will ever pray &c

W.F.
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No 8

Jacob Maurer dit.

Nos 35 + 36 in 19th Cour

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Recd 4th Sept 47

Ref 21
No 263. M.

In Committee 28th September 1847

Under the peculiar circumstances of this case the Committee recommend that the Location to Timothy Quirk be cancelled & that Petitioner be allowed to purchase at a valuation by the District Agent as wild Land and that he be permitted a period of twelve months within which to complete his purchase
Approved in Council 1st October 1847
Comm^d to the Com^d of C.L. 5th Oct. 1847

The Petitioner prays to be allowed to purchase certain lands
Thirty Six & Thirty Six in the Township of Cambridge the
Township of York and adjacent to the City of York
where Joseph Quirk & his wife dated 4th April 1847
deposited a plan of the said lands and built a
house thereon which he occupies. - And he states that he
has paid to one Edward Morgan of the sum of twenty five
pounds as part of the purchase money but now finds
that the same is without any right to the said land
The said Timothy Quirk was of the Township of York
Quirk by Patent of the 1st July 1847 in the name of Thomas C
Quirk the purchase thereof. The said Timothy Quirk
part of the same with the said Timothy Quirk & his
was bought by the said Timothy Quirk
a discharged man from the Royal Navy, under an

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The southerly thirteen acres of the number thirty five were
Discovered by Patent 6th July 1847 in the name of Thomas C
Street the purchaser thereof. The southerly remaining
part of 22^{1/2} together with the Western 20th number thirty five
were bought 17th October 1837 in the name of Timothy Smith
a discharged Seaman from the Royal Navy, under an
Order in Council of 20th Dec 1834 and have not been
Discovered by Patent or any claim thereto preferred on
his behalf since the period of location. Mr Edward
Wright who from the Affidavit made by the Petitioner
appears to have received from the said Timothy Smith five pounds
in anticipation of eventually obtaining the land, seems
to have acted in a most unwarrantable manner
availing himself of the circumstances of the Applicant
being ignorant of his own language of the Country (he
being a Scote by birth) to obtain possession of his money.
It will be the duty of this Department in future to act
with special caution on any matters in which Mr Wright
is concerned.

In addition to the sympathy which the case of the
Petitioner obtains for itself, he is entitled to a favorable
recommendation, and it is therefore suggested that
he be allowed to purchase at a valuation by the District
Agent as wild land and permitting him a period of
months on the matter which he may complete his
purchase

C. L. O. 17th
Sept 1847.
G. P. S.

G. P. S. Miller

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Know all men by these presents that I, Jacob
Trauer of the Township of Terra in the
North District do hereby nominate constitute
and appoint Edward Hooper of the City of
Toronto and Home District, Attorney my true
and lawful Attorney for me and in my name
to procure from the Government a Patent
for Lots Number Thirty six and the West part
of Thirty seven in the Purchase Concession
of the Township of Terra and North District
aforesaid and generally to act on my behalf
I Witness my hand and seal at the City of Toronto
in the Home District this Twenty fifth day
of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand
eight hundred and forty seven.

his
Witness. Jacob Trauer
John Jackson Clerk

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Personally appeared before me
George Percival Ridout Esquire — One of
Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Home District
and Province of Upper Canada. Jacob Mearns of
the Township of Terra in the Brock District
who being duly sworn maketh oath and saith that
he arrived in this Province about the middle of
the month of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand
eight hundred and forty four. That in the fall following
he ^{by his Cousin Jacob Mearns} made enquiry in the Town of Woodstock, as the
best locality for the purchase of a lot of land to
settle thereon. That in prosecuting the enquiry aforesaid
he was recommended to one Edward Wright, who
was then transacting a Land Agency business in Wood
Oxford. That said Wright informed this deponent
that he would write to the Government to ascertain of
lot No. Thirty one and the west part of lot Thirty two
in the Sixteenth Concession of the Township of Terra, was
for sale. That about three months after the time aforesaid this
deponent received a letter from said Wright dated the
Twenty-seventh day of December One thousand eight hundred
and

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and forty four to the following effect. "The land
"located by Timothy Dault is composed of lot No
"36 in the 19th Con: and the North half of lot No 35
"in the 19th Con: containing in all 196 Acres; when
"the decease of said Dault being proved the Government
"will advertise the same and will in a short time offer
"for sale the lot. (The person or persons who may feel obliged
"for it will have the preference) the value of the land
"is 17/6 per acre. You will I think be perfectly safe
"in paying the first instalment, and I will make myself
"responsible to you to obtain the said or even as the
"same can be obtained from the Government."

That upon the receipt of the letter in the words and
figures above set forth. This deponent, forthwith
called upon said Pringle and paid him in arrears
of the purchase of said lots of land. Twenty five pounds
a receipt for the same lay in the words and figures
following. "Inroll 28th January 1865 £25.0.0

Rec^d from Jacob Maurer the sum of Twenty
five pounds Cy. on ac^t of the purchase of the North
part of lot No 35 in the 19th Con: & 36 in 19th Con
of the Township of Terra. Edw Pringle.

And this deponent further saith that in the month of
April in the year One thousand eight hundred and
forty five a letter was written to said Pringle to inquire
if he was prepared to give or procure this deponent

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a deed for the aforesaid lots of land, to which letter
an answer was received in the words and figures following

Sept. 6. 1845

Dear Sir. Your letter I have duly received and note
the contents. I have made the necessary arrangements
with my Agent at Montreal who will attend to it for me
All you have to do is to take possession of the land
& as soon as I can ascertain the lawful way to have
the deed issue, it then shall be forthcoming. You need
not be in any fear about it as I hold myself respon-
sible to get a good deed for you

Yours Dear Sir

Wm. O. Howard

To Jacob Maurer
Montreal. P.Q.

Wm. O. Howard

And this deponent further says, that upon the receipt of
the above set forth letter, and believing said Howard was
duly authorized to sell said lots of land, he forthwith
commenced to improve and clear a portion of said lot
number thirty six, and in September following he this
deponent erected a good log house thereon, and has ever
since that time resided on said lot. And this deponent
further says that he made an arrangement to pay to
the said Howard Twenty pounds per annum until
the whole of the purchase money for the Two lots, stated
at One hundred and ninety acres at Seventeen shillings
and six pence per acre, was fully paid and satisfied,
in furtherance thereof this deponent on the Fifth of
March One thousand eight hundred and forty six paid
to

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