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To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland
K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of
Upper Canada & Major General Commanding
His Majesty's Forces therein
In Council

The Petition of George Nichols of Oxford
(Western Division), District of London
Humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioner was born on Rhode Island
in the (now) United States, previous to the commence-
ment of the American Revolution. That his Father was
a Sergeant in His late Majesty's Service, and was killed
in Action at the Battle of Bunker's Hill. That his
Mother removed herself & family to New Brunswick
at the Peace of 1783, and in 1800 came to this Province
under the protection of your Petitioner, with whom
she yet remains and is supported.

That your Petitioner was the first person
who gave Notice of the approach of the American
Troops under General M^r Arthur to the London
District during the late War, and when he was
advancing through Oxford spread the alarm and
used great exertions to raise the Militia to oppose
him, on account of which Gen^l. M^r Arthur sent a
Detachment of 25 Men to destroy his Premises &
property, which they effected, burning his Dwelling-
House, Barn, Provisions, Grain & Hay &c.

That your Petitioner also volunteered
during the late War to serve in Captⁿ. Brigham's
Rifle Company on an expedition to Queenston,
and marched as far as Burlington, when the
expedition was countermanded.

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That Your Petitioner was also frequently employed to watch and give information of the movements of the Enemy at the Westward, on which service he necessarily often underwent great privations and fatigues.

That Your Petitioner not being enrolled in any Flank Company, or Corps coming under the Order in Council of the 19th January 1820 granting Lands to certain descriptions of the Militia who served during the War, humbly requests permission to prefer to Your Excellency this his Petition stating his Services during the late War, and also the Documents annexed in support thereof, and humbly prays Your Excellency's favourable Consideration of his Prayer for the indulgence of a Grant of such quantity of Militia Lands as Your Excellency may deem meet.

And Your Petitioner as on duty bound shall ever pray

George Nichols

York 26th August 1820.

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petition of N 12
George Rickley
praying a grant of
Lands for services during
the late war

The Surveyor General
will be pleased to
report hereon to
the Infants of
the Land Council
Ent. in Land Book No

page 49
Government Office
Aug 26 1820
By Command

William
I do not find that the
petitioner has received any
land or order for land -
excepting 200 Acres as a
settle on Dundas Street
11-5 under

under an Order in Council of the 16. December 1800
being Lot N. 16 in the first Concession of Oxford
Northern Division upon which he has performed
the settlement duty and paid the Patent and
Surveying fees.

Super Office
28. Aug. 1820

Wm. Redout
Surveyor General

In Council at August 20
The petitioners not coming within
that Special Class of persons
to whom lands are granted
for services he cannot be
recommended to receive lands
for his services; but on making
known his willingness to pay
the usual fees he may be
recommended for a Grant

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