

To His Excellency Peter Hunter Esquire
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada
and Lieutenant General Commanding His Majesty's
Forces in Upper & Lower Canada
(in Council)

The Petition of Seth Putman of Oxford in
the County of Oxford District of London Yeoman

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner being one
of the first Settlers in the said Township of Oxford
undertook at the Request of a Number of the Inhabitants
of that and the Neighbouring Townships to cut a Road
from Oxford aforesaid into the Tract of Land
granted to the Moravian Indians being about
Eighty Miles of heavy timbered Land & also
an other Road of about thirty Miles in length
from Oxford to Burford

That the Inhabitants for whose
Benefit the said Roads were opened promised to
compensate

We the undersigned having examined the Road
cut by Mr Putnam from the Silver
Town to the Mission town do find the
same good and sufficient as has been
reported in to a New a Country.

I acknowledge before Me

21 Nov 1799

R. Richards

James Chambers

William Shaw
C. P. W.

Petition of P. I.
 Seth Putnam
 Rec^d in the Council office
 July 29th June 1802
 However meritorious the
 exertions of the Petitioner
 may have been - The Lieut Governor
 cannot consider those merits, upon
 the principles stated in the Petition
 for if the waste lands of the
 Crown were to be applied as
 compensating for the breach of
 undertakings between individuals,
 that would be considered as recompense,
 which can only be distributed
 as a bounty from His Majesty -
 but which the Lieut Governor might
 be induced to extend to the Petitioner
 if he shall satisfy the Executive
 Council

Council, that he is a proper
 object for such an Exemption
 upon principles different from
 those contained in this Petition.

✓ June 27. 1802
 The Council declines
 to take this Petition
 into Consideration until the
 Pet. appears in person

Approved by
 [Signature]
 Chairman

Read in Council
 July 16 1802 This day
 The within Addressed
 has made his appearance
 agreeable to the order
 of the 27th of June 1802,
 that [Signature]

See Petition of Seth Putnam
 read in Council 20 Oct. 1806.

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compensate Your Petitioner for his Labours &
Disbursements but when the work was completed
the absence or removal of some the death of others
and the Indigence of all prevented your Petitioner
from receiving the promised Remuneration -

That your Petitioner having so largely
benefitted so considerable a Portion of this Province
hopes to be considered as an Object of your
Excellency's Bounty in the Donation of Land
Your Petitioner is happy to have it in his power
to prove by the Honorable James Paddy

the Major Collector & Members of
Assembly the truth of his Assertions & his
Claim to some Share of the Generosity of the
Crown - finding it fruitless to entertain any
Expectations from Individuals -

Therefore your Petitioner having only
received a Grant of two Hundred Acres hitherto,
humbly Hopes that your Excellency will further
extend the liberality of the Crown by an
Additional Allowance of Waste Land to him & as
in duty bound he will ever pray &c

York 15 June 1802

John Pertman