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Dear Sir

There is no such O.C.  
file in the B.C. as that  
referred to in the accompanying  
Petition nor any report on  
the claim of S. M. Putnam  
or his heirs anywhere about  
the year 1845. Will you  
have the goodness to ascertain  
whether the case has been  
before Council at the two periods  
referred to and if so will you  
send me over the papers  
Yours very faithfully

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To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head <sup>2nd</sup> Lt. Col.  
W. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper  
Canada &c. &c. &c. in Council.

The petition of William Putnam of  
the Township of North Dorchester in  
the London District Yeoman.

Humblly sheweth

That your petitioner is the eldest son  
and heir-at-law of Seth Putnam late of  
North Dorchester aforesaid Yeoman deceased.

That the said Seth Putnam in the  
years from 1794 to 1800 undertook to open a Road  
one - rod in width from the Grand River, where  
Brantford now is, to the Township of Howard in  
the Western District; a distance of one hundred and forty  
miles and upwards at his own individual expence  
under a promise from the then Administration,  
that he should be paid for the same, out of the  
waste Lands of the Crown, at his selection, now then  
granted.

That the said Seth Putnam fully completed  
his undertaking, as will be seen by the affidavits  
enclosed of respectable individuals, now living  
and knowing the facts of the case, and other  
affidavits to the facts can be procured if necessary -

That the said Seth Putnam in his life time, never  
received any Lands from the Crown as a remuneration

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for opening said Road; neither hath your Petitioner or  
any of the family, since the decease of the said Seth  
Putnam, received or heretofore made any application  
for remuneration -

That your Petitioner is ready at any time  
to afford, to the best of his knowledge <sup>and</sup> capability,  
any further explanation regarding the opening  
of said Road, that may be required - D.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays  
your Excellency will be graciously pleased  
to take the matter into serious consideration  
and grant such relief in the premises to  
your petitioner as to your Excellency shall  
deem meet and just

and your petitioner  
as in duty bound  
will ever pray &c

North Dorchester  
18<sup>th</sup> September 1836

William Putnam

Communicated to Petitioner's Agent, Mr. James Henderson,  
24th Nov. 1836.

In Council 20<sup>th</sup> October 1836.

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The Council cannot recommend your Excellency to entertain a claim for services performed so long since as thirty six years. The petitioner or his father the original claimant should have pursued these claims at a period when the truth of the statements as to a promise of compensation could be investigated with some hope of a successful result.

The Council has respectfully to refer to a petition of Wm Paterson the original claimant in which of 15<sup>th</sup> June 1832. in which he makes a statement with respect to compensation altogether at variance with the allegations of the Petitioner, in which petition the claim was refused as will appear by a note made thereon by His Excellency General Hunter in whose opinion the Council concurs. The claim is therefore not recommended.

Wm. M. Gordon  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct

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Petition of No 26  
William Paterson

W. H. G.  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct 1836

Referred to the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Executive  
Council

By Command  
H. G. G.

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