

To His Excellency Sir John Colborne  
 Lieutenant-Governor of the Province  
 of Upper Canada &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of Abraham Sedgwick  
 of the Town of Blainford in the London District  
 Humbly sheweth

That Your Petitioner is an  
 Emigrant from England, and by trade a  
 Shoemaker, and has been in the Province  
 a number of Years - that he is a poor man  
 and has a large family of children - that for  
 want of means to purchase lands, he was  
 induced by the advice of his friends to settle  
 on the Government Reserve in the Township  
 of Blainford, with the only hope of providing  
 for his family as well as he could, and of being  
 able to purchase a small quantity of the lands  
 when they should be offered for sale by the  
 Government - that he has been living here  
 some Years and has made considerable  
 improvement which Your Excellency can  
 see by referring to the plan of the Survey of  
 the same by Mr. Deputy Surveyor Lewis  
 Russell - that in making these im-  
 provements he has expended about Three  
 pounds per acre, and humbly conceives  
 that his improvement has increased the  
 value of these lands considerably, as the  
 purchaser finds the lands clear of his  
 hand, and in purchasing at the public  
 sales will bid for the lands accordingly -  
 that at the sale of these lands on the 22<sup>d</sup>

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Instant Your petitioner needs no purchase  
for want of the means to pay for the land.

Your petitioner therefore prays Your  
Excellency will be graciously pleased to take  
his case into consideration and make  
him such an allowance for the value  
of his improvement as in Your Excellency  
opinion he may be entitled to - and suffer  
him to purchase at the next sales to the  
amount of such valuation - or if Your  
Excellency will be pleased to allow him  
to have the square of five acres lying  
East of the Church reservation and on  
the North side of Dundas Street Your  
petitioner will as in duty bound ever

pray - Your petitioner further begs leave  
to state to Your Excellency, that he would not  
pray Your Excellency to grant him so large  
a quantity of this ground, was it not  
that it is wet land and not suitable  
for building lots. Abraham Sudworth

Manitowish 24<sup>th</sup> May 1833

We the undersigned do certify that the  
Petitioner Abraham Sudworth has been <sup>71322</sup> living  
on the Reservation lands that is now surveyed  
for a town, for seven years and that he is  
a very industrious man and peaceable Inhabitant  
and that he wishes to purchase a certain block  
of land of five acres which he now lives on  
that is very wet land and not fit for building  
on and being on the east side of the town

John Hatch J.P.

Levi H. Perry  
Ebenzer Allen  
Levi Burdett  
John B. True  
John Clarke  
Ezekiel Sudington  
Daniel Burck  
Sylvester Sage

Robert Alway

Daniel Loomis  
Thomas Hornor J.P.

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Gov. House  
25 June 1833.

Referred to the Com.  
of Crown Lands.

By command.

W. Rowan

Com: of Crown Lands  
Office

York 18<sup>th</sup> July 1833

The Government have no authority  
to make any allowance to persons  
who may be found in the occupa-  
tion of Crown lands without  
authority —

John Robinson

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