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To His Excellency The Right Honourable The
Earl of Elgin Governor General of Canada &c &c
In Council

The Petition of Benjamin Thornton of the
Township of West Oxford in the County of
Oxford Esquire Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner is desirous to purchase
the North half of Lot No. 6 in the 5th Con. of
West Oxford which your Petitioner has
understood is Government Land, and has
had the same Inspected and Valued by
William Smiley a licensed Surveyor
whose Certificate is herunto annexed

your Petitioner therefore prays
that your Excellency will Cause
said half Lot to be sold to him on
the usual terms and your Petitioner
as in duty bound will ever pray

West Oxford 30th May 1853

Benjamin Thornton

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Yorba 31st May 1853

Sir, At the request of Benjamin Thornton
the Petitioner I send you herewith a valuation
from Deputy Surveyor W^m Smiley of the North
half Lot 6 in the 5th Con^g West of York as well as a
Petition Thornton wishes to purchase the lot for
the timber only which is principally small pine
fit for rails and building timber the land is of
an inferior quality it is my opinion therefore
that the price fixed on it by the Surveyor 25^{cts}
per acre is all that it is worth

I have the honor to be
Sir, your O^b Servant
John Canoll
C. L. Agent

Honble Com^{rs} of Crown Lands
&
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The Petitioner applies to purchase the North half of lot
number six in the Fifth Concession of the Township of
Leeds West and furnishes a certificate by Deputy Surveyor
William Conroy dated 27th May 1853 from which it
appears to be unoccupied & unimproved -
The half lot applied for was set apart as a plot in
view of the number shown in the 5th Concession of the
Township of Leeds by Order in Council of 28th Jan'y 1828
Accordingly as in the case of the Presbyterian Church under
Orders in Council of 7th Oct. 1836 & 29th April 1840
and of the Roman Catholic Church under Orders
in Council of 10th April 1838, 18th Aug^r 1835 & 13th
March 1841 the parties entitled under the said
Order in Council of 28th Jan'y 1828 as representing
the Church of England would seem equally in
a position to claim a Patent for the half lot which
is the subject of the present application consequently
a compliance with the prayer of the Petitioner cannot
be recommended

Crown Lands Department
Quebec, 8th September 1853

J. M. P. M.
Chief Clerk

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The Petitioner applies to purchase the North half of lots
numbered 121 in the Fifth Concession of the Township of
Deseronto and furnishes a certificate by Deputy Surveyor
William Conroy dated 27th May 1853 from which it
appears to be unoccupied & unimproved -
The half lot applied for was set apart as a Glebe in
the 5th Concession of the Township of Deseronto in the 5th Concession of the
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Petition No 10

In Committee 23 Sept. 1853

Reufⁿ Thornton
West Oxford May 30 1853
June 4 1853

The Committee cannot recommend the prayer of the Petition, the half lot applied for having been set apart as a Glebe, in lieu of lot Number Eleven in the Fifth Concession of the Township of South by Order in Council of 28 Jan^y 1828, as stated in the Report from the Crown Land Department dated 8 Sept. 1853.

To per: N^o 2 of 6 in 5 of West Oxford. Recommended by John Barrell C.L.A. & Certificate of P.L.S. Smiley enclosed -

Approv^d in Council 28 Sept. 1853.
Com^o to C.L.L. 30 -

Ref B37ⁿ 131 R1027/293
Referred to a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Executive Council for consideration & report
By Command
G. H. Morin
Mr Fairbairn

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This is to certify that I have examined the north half of Lot No. 6 in the 5th Concession of the Township of West Oxford County of Oxford & Province of Canada, and that the following Statement in reference to the said Lot is correct to the best of my knowledge & belief.

The said Lot is all wild land & timbered with a small ^{tract} of Pines principally some white & black oak. Soil sandy & no living water upon it. There is no Public Road opened up to it, it is situated about 3 miles from Saw Mill & about 6 to grist mill and distant from the Town of Woodstock, about 10 miles.

Benjamin Thornton is desirous of purchasing.

There are no adverse claims to the said Lot that I am aware of.

I value it at 25/ per acre.

Blackville
27th May 1853

W^m Smiley

P. J. Surveyor