

His Excellency Sir George Macdonald
K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of
Upper Canada, and Major General commanding His
Majesty's Forces there

The Petition of Richard Sims an Emigrant from the
County of Wick in Ireland now residing in the Township of Terra
in the District of London, Farmer, Humbly sheweth

That your humble petitioner on his arrival to this
Colony in September 1819 made application to your Excellency in
pursuit for a grant of the Waste Lands of this Colony and having a Family
consisting of his Wife and ten Children was made a grant of 200 Acres
subject to the then existing Regulations -

That your humble petitioner having a desire at that time,
to settle in some part of the Western County in consequence of the the temperature
of the climate removed his family to Oxford in the London District, and
being given to understand that the new Township now called Terra would be
in a short space of time surveyed and granted to settlers he consequently settled
on the Bank of the River of Thames which runs through that Township
in hopes as being a Man of good repute, to be able to obtain from your Excellency
a location on the Lot he had chosen and settled on

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J. Redoubt Esq^r
Surveyor Gen^l
York

Mr. Redoubt Esq^r
22 Jan: 1820

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Oxford 15th May 1820

Sir

I will return it a particular favour. by
your being so good as to give me the East end of
Lots N^o 1. & 2 in the 10th Concession of the Township
now to be located East of the Myponi. In January
last I wrote to you that I had erected a House on
Lot N^o 1 on the Eleventh Concession. which happens to be
a small broken front. and as N^o 2 in said Concession
is a Reserve, I can't expect it. Mr. Davis (the
Surveyor) has been so kind to tell me he would
take out my Location Ticket for the above Lots. And
as they don't interfere with the choice of any of
the Surveyors, I hope that you won't deny my Request.
I have

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I have made considerable Improvements on them
 and should they be given to another it would be a
 considerable Injury to me. My House is Erected
 on the edge of Lot N^o 1. in the 11th Concession. which
 is Central between Lot N^o 1. & 2. in the 10th. I would not
 take this liberty but for fear that Mr. Davis thro' the
 multiplicity of business he has to transact might
 not make a timely Application for me - My
 Grant for two hundred Acres is lodged with you
 since the 8th of September last - Your kind atten-
 tion will confer a lasting Obligation on D^r Sir

Yours very Obedt^l Serv^t

Rich^d J. Sims

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*A. Dick: Son
15 May 1820*

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that prior to the return of Henry of the said township, Henry
petitioners had cleared and completely improved a large tract of
the lot on which he is situated, with a comfortable dwelling house there
and since the return of the survey thereof, he cleared away nearly the
more which at present makes it an object of value
that the petitioners, not being a case of the manner in which
the said township was to be located, did not consider it necessary to obtain in
pardon, but having reported to Mr. Davis the contractor of Henry that
he had settled on the said land and being promoted by him, that petitioners
in some inquiries did not state his full improvement of his land, that
he would be and secure it if he had, for some petitioners
that some petitioners having also taken the survey thereof
on the subject relating to him, the land he would wish to locate and of the land
- township he had already made, was given to understand that his claim
and objection of the said land was submitted to the consideration of
the said surveyor general, which was at the said hearing
and that in consequence of the said township being offered for a greater
number of claimants than there was land to supply them, and thereby
located by Col. H. Dore and others to refer your petitioners claims
to the Major Order of the numerous advantages of which were there
present on the day of location, were unanimously given their consent to let him
cover the lot which he then on with the grant which he held in common
that

That on your petitioners applying this day for a location to do for the said
 Lot comprising of the East halves of Lots N^o 1 in the 10th Concession the East half
 of Lot N^o 2 in the same Concession, and purchasing the Broken front of Lot N^o 1 in the
 11th Concession, and to his great disappointment he finds that one part has
 fallen to the lot of the said Davis, for which he has got a Deed, and the other

half of Lot N^o 1 has been located by a Mr. Adams, having still the small
 Broken front of Lot N^o 1 in same Concession containing only 20 Acres and
 which his House and Improvements stands apparently Vacant

That your humble petitioners having received by the plan of the
 said Township that Lot N^o 6 in the 15th Concession has been reserved for
 a Mill site and has not been as yet located, and as he possess a property
 and other suitable means to erect a Mill thereon ^{sufficiently} for the settlement
 so very essential to Settlers in that part of the Province, and being disappointed
 in obtaining the Lands adjacent to his settlement, therefore thus humbly
 beseech Your Excellency to Grant him the said Mill Lot, as also the small
 broken piece on which his settlement is made ^{of 20 Acres} to cover his said Grant of
 200 Acres so granted to him as herein stated subject to such limitation
 as an customery as respects to Mill sites already granted in New Township

And as in duty bound your humble petitioners
 Will ever pray

Sept 26th Sept 1820

Rich^d Davis

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The Petition of
No. 156

Richard Sims
Praying for Locations of
Land in the Township of
Torrone

The Surveyor General is
requested to report
hereon for the
information of the
Land Council

Depot Office
Sept. 28. 1820
By Command

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P.T.O.

The Petitioner has received a Grant of 200 Acres ^{of Land} under
an Order in Council of the 8th September 1819 - which
remains unlocated

Lot No. 2 in the 10th Concession of Torrone has been drawn
by Mr. Theodorus Davis, the contractor for the survey of that
Township, & the East half of Lot No. One in the same
Concession by George Adams. - The broken lot No. one
in the 11th Concession containing 20 acres, on the River
Thames, has not been located -

Lot No. 6 in the 15th Concession containing 200
acres has not been located being a mile seat.
Sur. Genl. Office
28th Sep. 1820

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Mad 28 September 1820

Recommended for the location
already made & for permission
to locate his mill in Council
on the mill seat lot on express
and terms that if a mill is not
erected within 12 months, it will
be sold in the best and most
advantageous manner
M.D.

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Order of Council 29th Sep. 1820

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Sir

I have taken the liberty ~~to~~ ^{under} the order of Council of the 5th of Sept. last, which I have your Certificate ^{for} of entering on the Township above the Myrami, and has erected a house on the first Number of the Eleventh Concession of said Township. I hope that when the survey thereof is presented to you, that you will have the goodness to ~~set~~ ^{set} my name to N^o. 142 of said Concession for my two hundred acres - I take the liberty of Apprising you thereof. by a person going to York, to prevent its being granted to any other person. I am Sir, your very Obedt

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And very All true.

Rich. Jones

Oxford January 22nd

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