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To His Excellency the Right Honourable James,
Earl of Elgin and Kincardine Governor
General of British North America and
Captain General and Governor in Chief in
and over the Provinces of Canada Nova
Scotia New Brunswick and the Island
of Prince Edward - in Council:

The Humble Petition of William Withers
of the Township of Missouri in the District
of Brock and Province of Canada
Petitioner: Sheweth:

That your Petitioner emigrated from
England to Upper Canada in year 1820
and has been a permanent settler in the
said Township of Missouri ever since

That your Petitioner finds it necessary
to remove from the said Township of
Missouri where the prices of Wild lands have
become very high to some other part of
the Province where he can settle his
sons on land of their own and where
lands are cheaper

That there are many heads of families
in the said Township of Missouri desirous
of removing therefrom for the same
reason, besides young men who are
desirous of remaining in the country
as permanent settlers and have de-
termined upon accompanying your
Petitioner to some new settlement
of this Province

That

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That your Petitioner and another person from his neighborhood have during the present Winter visited the Lapentanzor River on the eastern shore of Lake Huron distant about twenty miles north of Port Albert on Lake Huron. Where they found a Country possessing all the capabilities of a good agricultural settlement, together with a valuable mill seat - And your Petitioner thereupon determined to settle there if arrangements could be made with the Government of this Province for the purchase of the said mill seat and about such of the adjacent lands as may be required by your Petitioner and those ^{persons} intending to remove with him -

Thompson known as Pine Brook

Your Petitioner therefore prays that he may be allowed to settle there and become the purchaser of so much of the Waste Lands of the Crown there (together with the said mill seat) as he may require for the purpose of forming an Agricultural Settlement immediately. And that he may be allowed to make immediate preparations and to go on and build at once a saw mill for the benefit of the settlement.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound Will ever pray

Dated this 15th February 1848. Wm. Withers

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Man in Civil Rank is designated by Capt. Campbell as the same as
Cantongue River - but I think it is the same as the
one on the map of the same name -
The above

William Nelson of Brown
and North

London 160A
11 March 1848

Mr William Nelson of Missouri has
received your favor of the 29th July
in answer to his of the 9th and in
it he desires me to say that the site alluded
to in his letter is not the one on Pine
River - but on the Penetanguor River
about 10 miles to the North of Pine River -
He has been advised to petition His
Majesty the Governor General in
Council on the subject and that
there should be any error as to the
location has requested me to
write and correct the impression which
you have - and he thinks it must
be the Township of Vincardine
but is not sure - The petition has been
forwarded
Your Obedt Servant
J. G. Fisher

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Mr Wethers
D. J. Hughes
London 11/21 March 1848

Respectfully situation
of mine site alluded to in
his letter of 9 Feb'y. 735/48

Mr James Henry Price
Care of London
Montreal
M^r 4181-2X
Ref: B-2



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The Petitioner states that he binds up to them, but habitually to the Township of St. Pierre an decision of establishing themselves on the above lands belonging to the King from the River and that on the above lands there they have discovered a Mill site which he is desirous of purchasing together with a black stand in the vicinity of a certain settlement in October last a survey of one League square on the shore of Lake Huron embracing the Outlet of the Saginaw River; designated on the Plan of the said Lake as Pine Brook was completed by Deputy Surveyor St. Lawrence and on the 16th of March last the same was offered for the consideration of the Council the Governor General in Council recommending that the lands therein should be advertised & offered for sale upon an examination of the returns of survey it appears that the stream attached to the above site No 5-6-7-8-9-10 in the said Forest Range which forms a part of Township

now designated the Township of Lincoln - The above named site together with No 4-10 adjoining would form a very suitable site for a Town Plot they embrace 56 Acres and offer a prospect of a very fertile soil & a very good water supply it will be a matter of importance that the State privileges should be committed to the best possible advantage and it is accordingly recommended that authority be given for employing the competent Surveyor to survey & lay out in the first place such Mill sites or Mill sites as there may be afforded together with a sufficient quantity of lands to be attached thereto, and that the remainder of the site referred to be reserved for Town & Park lots, and that of the present a limited portion of the lots 4-5-6-7-8-9-10 be subdivided into Town lots of half an acre each & Park lots of from four to ten acres in each a valuation be placed upon the Mill property as an object price and that it be offered for sale with as little delay as possible after a survey has been made, and that at the same time the Town & Park lots be thrown open for sale at an object price to be placed upon them and to be submitted for the approval of the Council in Council

It dears manifested by the Petitioner and the persons to whom he alludes to become Settlers in the Eastern Province of the is an enterprise for description which it is desirable to encourage and it is trusted that in the interval between the present time, and that when the returns of survey shall be received, the Mill sites & Town Plots, a suitable mode for promoting the objects to which they have in view may be devised.

When further consideration be made in respect to the above lands attached to in the communication of the 16th of March last the Range posts fronting on Lake Huron until a line of communication for a permanent Road connecting the said Pine Brook the Saginaw River has been decided upon -

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Done at the Department of the Interior, 11th April 1863
G. B. Rossall

The Petitioner states that he himself is desirous of establishing a saw-mill on the above lands adjoining on the one side the River and that on the other side of the said lands there have discovered a Mill site which he is desirous of purchasing together with a black stand in the vicinity of a certain settlement in October last a survey of one Range of lots on the shore of Lake Huron embracing the whole of the said Range was completed by Deputy Surveyor Hutchinson and on the 11th of the month a meeting was held for the consideration of the matter the Governor General in Council recommending that the lands herein should be advertised & offered for sale when an examination of the returns of survey it appears that the stream attached to the said lots Nos 5-6-7-8 & 9 - in the said Front Range which forms a part of a tract

now designated the Township of Concordia - the above named lots together with Nos 4 & 10 adjoining would form a very high site for a Town Plot & the same 5/8 of an acre and of a superior site for a mill & other purposes & it will be a matter of importance that the said Privileges should be committed to the best possible advantage and it is accordingly recommended that authority be given for employing the competent Surveyor to survey & lay out in the first place such Mill site or Mill sites as shall meet with approval together with a sufficient quantity of land to be attached thereto, and that the remainder of the lots referred to be reserved for Town & Park lots, and that of the present a limited portion of the lots 4-5-6-7-8-9 & 10 - be subdivided into Town lots of half an acre each & Park lots of four acres to two acres - that a valuation be placed upon the Mill privilege as an asset price and that it be offered for sale with as little delay as possible after a survey has been made, and that at the same time the Town & Park lots be thrown open for sale at an appropriate price upon terms and to be submitted for the approval of His Excellency in Council.

It is also manifested by the Petitioner and the persons to whom he alludes to become Settlers in the Eastern Province of the Province is an enterprise for description which it is desirable to encourage and it is trusted that in the interval between the present time, and that when the returns of survey shall be received, the Mill sites & Town Plots a bill of exchange may be presented to which they have an order may be drawn.

When further consideration it may be considered to be made for the lands attached to in the Communication of the 11th of the Month concerning of the Range of lots fronting on the Huron with a view of Commencing for a permanent Road connecting the said Pine Brook the Springs 1-4-5 has been decided upon -

As directed by the 20th of Nov.

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approve the mode
of laying out the
lands when Mr
Withers will have an
opportunity of purchasing

In Committee 20 May 1848

The Committee cannot
recommend the prayer of the Petition,
but adopt the suggestions contained
in the Report of the Commissioner of
Crown Lands dated 11 April 1848 for the
laying out and subsequent disposal
of the tract in question which will afford
the Applicant in competition with
others, an opportunity of purchasing.

Approved in Council 27 May 1848

Com^d to C. C. L. 31st May 1848

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William Withers.

15th Feb^y 1848
3 March 1848

For the purchase of
Land on the Western
Shores of Lake Huron

Received
of the
Office
of the
Commissioner
of Crown Lands
to the
Hon^{ble} Secretary
of the
Department
of the
Interior

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No 172. W.
J. P. Withers
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lots of from four to ten acres in parts a balance in
land when the title belongs to an owner from another
it is given by sale with as little delay as possible after
a survey has been made and that a title same time

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