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The petition of John Fraser, Chairman of the  
Committee of Managers for managing the secular affairs  
of the Church of Scotland in the Township of Terra  
unto the Honorable R. D. Sullivan Commissioner of  
Crown Lands Toronto

Humbly Sheweth

That his Excellency in Council in June last had  
been pleased to order the Commissioners of Crown Lands  
to set apart some vacant Lot of two hundred acres of  
Land for a Glebe to the Church of Scotland in Terra and  
to grant the same in trust free of expense

That therefore your petitioner humbly pray your Honor  
to be pleased to grant Lot number twenty five in the fifth  
concession of the said Township of Terra in trust free of  
Expense to John Fraser, William Gordon, Hector Robt. John  
Lutherland Donald Mackeson Donald M. Pherson and James  
Fraser and their Successors in office as managers of the Church  
of Scotland in Terra

And your petitioner will ever pray

John Fraser

Embr Terra  
6 October 1836

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Sir

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Toronto 26. October 1837

The Committee of Management for the Presbyterian Church at Toronto have solicited me to seek at the Government House an answer to a Petition in which I represented to His Excellency in Council some things that very much concerned them. The case is simply this - The Scottish Presbyterians of Toronto petitioned His Excellency in Council for a Grant of Land as a Glebe which was granted, and as their acting Manager petitioned His Excellency in Council that Lot number two duty five in the fifth Concession a Clergy Reserve might be granted in Trust free of Expense to John Fraser and others which was read in Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1836 and granted and notice given that "the necessary authority was issued to the Attorney General to perfect the Patent - at whose office for my agent was directed to apply. I applied for said Patent to the Attorney General, who had not received the necessary Authority, but upon his receiving it I left the City expecting the Patent to be ready in a few days. The Attorney General making no objection to the Resuming of it then but in the course of two months when being in the City I applied for the Patent I was distinctly told that the Patent could not be granted in as much as a part of the lot had been included in another Patent, but on application at the Surveyor General's Office information was given me that a Patent had been

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Issued for no part of the said lot being informed  
 that the Attorney General refused to Issue the Patent  
 upon another ground because it was a clay Reserve  
 It was granted by the Executive Council as a clay Reserve  
 and was so designated in the Petition that specified the  
 Lot, in these matters, in which the Community felt so deep  
 an interest, I addressed a Petition to His Excellency in  
Council, stating the facts herein contained, but no  
 answer has yet been Received, after an interval of more  
 than three months, I have now to request that You will put  
 his Excellency in possession of what is here made known  
 to You in order that the objections to the Issuing of the  
 Patent may be removed as soon as possible and  
 I have no doubt but that they will soon be removed  
 confident as I am that his Excellency will do what  
 is right

I am Sir

Your very obedt Servant

John Fraser

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This Petition was referred to the Attorney Genl on the 29. July.

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Letter  
The Hon<sup>d</sup> John Fraser  
26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1837

W<sup>th</sup> House  
27<sup>th</sup> Oct 1837

Referred to the  
Attorney General  
to report hereon  
the information  
the Hon<sup>d</sup> Governor  
By Command  
C. Ross

Letter  
The Hon<sup>d</sup> John Fraser  
26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1837

W<sup>th</sup> House  
1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1837

Referred to the  
Hon<sup>d</sup> the Executive  
Council  
By Appointment  
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Honorable Sir

Some time ago I sent a copy of the order  
in Council to a friend of mine in Toronto wishing  
wishing him to get a deed on the lot mentioned in the an-  
-neced petition (and he wrote me that I must petition  
You in order to get it as there is always Rail timber  
Came of said lot which will make it less valuable I  
would feel greatly obliged by your writing me at  
Your earliest convenience if you are to get it that  
I may put a stop to this

I am Hon. Sir  
Yours obt. Servt

John Fraser

Embs Bona  
6 Oct. 1835

The Hon

R. B. Mulvan

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