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Dear Sir,

I inclose the Commission appointing You &c. Judges the Original Judges and Mr. Reed or either of them have power to administer the oaths.

I am Yours truly

H. Motz

Quebec 25 Decr. 88

Wm. Dummer Powell Esqr. To whom may

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Henry Moss Esqr.
Cov. J. Temp. J. Cowl.
Judge Com: Pleas. &c
90. 25. Dec. 1788
No. 7.

Wm D. Powell Esqr.

My Lord

In obedience to your Landships Letter ~~Instructions~~ bearing date the 28th Ult^o We assembled at Sorel the 10th Instant, and in Conformity to the Instructions of Mr Attorney General therein referred to, We proceeded to announce to the Loyalists and others settled in this Seigneury, the object of our Appointment, and your Excellency's gracious Intentions towards them. — ~~In the Course of our Investigation, Minutes [illegible] Examination~~ we ~~proceed~~ commenced our to enquiry ~~on~~ on the Complaints of the Loyalists suggested in the Memorial dated the 10th May 1786. — The principal Subjects of Complaint in that Memorial ~~[illegible]~~ respecting the Issue of Provisions We received the Testimony of such Evidence ~~[illegible]~~ as the Complainants ~~[illegible]~~ thought proper to bring forward in support of its Allegations, and We find from their Concurrent Testimony, that the Business ~~of~~ the Provision Store was conducted with some Irregularity, and affordable just grounds for Complaint, less from any real Injustice ~~done to them~~ intended, than for want of Reclassisement ~~[illegible]~~ as to the Motives of the Commissary's Conduct; for we find that by the Miscarriage of a general order stopping the Issue of Butter and Peas, Mr Farquharson, the assistant Commissary General, continued to give orders on

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the Store for the Full Ration, for two months after it was curtailed by a Treasury order; that having no peas in Store at that Period, he had granted Bons to several for the Ration of Peas before He was made acquainted with this reduction, and to such as applied after he received his Information, He, of course, refused such Bons & thus upon the discovery of their Mistake. He received orders from the Commissary General to stop out of the reduced Ration a proportion of the remaining Species issued for ~~two~~ three months to make up to the Store ~~the supplies issued~~ the loss on the Butter issued — ~~[illegible]~~ and, as the Bons granted for Peas had now become a personal Engagement ~~He~~ took occasion to demand ~~[illegible]~~ the return ~~[illegible]~~ of those Bons and here we find the Issuing Commissary Mr. Agnew (acting as he suggests under verbal orders from Mr. Farquharson) employing in some Instances threats and means not ~~[illegible]~~ justifiable to stop ~~[illegible]~~ altogether the Provisions of such as should refuse to surrender their Pea Bons —

(Which by reason of Mr Farquharsons absence we cannot contravert)

upon the remonstrance of the Loyalists against this second reduction of their ration to compensate for an erroneous over issue, the Commander in Chief was pleased to order ~~the~~ not only the second stoppage to compensate for the Butter but also the ~~two~~ three Months Peas to be made up ~~as~~ well to those who had not, as to those who had ~~not~~ received the Commissarys Bons; but we find notwithstanding this order, some attempts were made to evade the issue of Peas to such us were not possessed of Bons, and we find a single Instance ~~of~~ in the Case of Amariah How, a Loyalist, of the Stoppage being made ~~with~~ and only half Compensated, notwithstanding he ~~had~~ did not partake of the over issue of Butter, so that to put him upon a ~~[illegible]~~ par with the others he should still receive ~~[illegible]~~ one months ~~[illegible]~~ ration of Butter. ~~[illegible]~~ In respect of the Complaints of short Weight, Improper Issue of fresh Beef and partiality in the Issues, We find nothing in the various Testimony ~~adduced~~, sufficiently pointed to do away the Effect of the Commissarys general Answer to those Charges, to wit, that the Scales and Weights were subject to verification on Complaint, and were actually verified by the Stamped Ord.ce Weights, ~~with~~ and little or no Diffce found in the Total, ~~which~~ the ~~advantage in the [illegible]~~ large Weights of the Store being heavier than required, so that

afterwards

that when it is considered that the Loyalists
received their Rations at distant periods of
two and three Months the Disadvantage fell
to the Store; ~~according~~ to this fact ~~[illegible]~~ what appears
in Evidence to us, that the Loyalists had free
access to the Store to see their provisions weigh
except in ~~the~~ one Instance ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ deposed to by Richard Hucc
and that ~~they~~ they never complained of these Abu
to Mr Tanyahusson the Principal Commiss
on the Ground, We cannot but imagine that
these Deficiencies in Weight deposed to by
divers persons should rather be attributed
to the variation of the Weights, Loss ~~in~~
~~[illegible]~~ in the Transport or Ignorance of
the Parties as to their just Allowance, ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ than to intentional
fraud on the part of the Issuing Commiss
Mr. Lynew, to whose Character for Sobrie
Honesty, Complaisance, and punctua
Attendance to his Duty, ~~[illegible]~~
a number of very respectable Inhabi
of Sorel and Servants of the Crown bore
Testimony. — At the same time that We
acquit Mr. Lynew of any unworthy abuse
of the Trust reposed in him, we can reach

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excuse the Suspicions & Complaints of the Loyalists on the two Articles of Partiality and improper Issues, as arising from a very natural Jealousy of what we deem an improper Combination of Characters, that of Contractor and Commissary for the supply and Issue of the fresh Provision ~~and~~

~~Issues~~

In proceeding to investigate the further Complaints of the Loyalists we found ourselves more methodically directed by a Reference to the Paper of Grievances No. 10, and taking it for our Guide, we called upon Captain Barnes Deputy Quarter Master General to explain and answer to the Matter of those Complaints Article by Article. — ~~To~~ on the

1,2,3. 4 & 6th ~~first~~ 4 Articles ~~the~~ Captain Barnes observes, that the Clothing distributed to the Loyalists was not sent from Europe expresly for their use, but was the residue of the military Stores at the Close of the War, that the general Distribution was projected upon

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calculation of the Quantity of Stores and Numbers to partake of them, and executed with as strict Impartiality as could be devised under the Controul and Approbation of the Commander in Chief, and in regard to the particular Instances of Favor deposed to by Godfrey Seypert, Jane Crozier, J. Goldie Dice, John Doby and Patrick Smith, we find them to be of little Value and directed by Captain Barnes on the best of Motives and appear to us to be brought forward less as a just Cause of Complaint against the Officers of the Crown than to justify the Memorialists by proving that ~~[illegible]~~ the Instances existed

and we have reason to believe that the ~~[illegible]~~ Complaints respecting these Stores have been excited by a misconception of Mr White and the other Loyalists that they were expressly ~~given~~ sent out for their use

5 ~~[illegible]~~ the Fifth Article of Paper No. 10. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ is in some Measure supported by a Comparative View of the Returns of Distribution at Sorel and Chaleur Bay, from which it appears that the ~~Paper~~ Setters ~~[illegible]~~ at Chaleur Bay had a ~~trifling~~ small advantage over those at Sorel and the new Western Settlements by receiving for the Children under 16 Yrs of Age ½ Yd Woolen Cloth a ½ a blanket more than ~~than the latter~~ was allowed to the latter, and on this Head we are informed by Captn Barnes

that the difference in quantity was counterbalanced by the Indifference of Quality the Settlers at Chaleur Bay being served chiefly with Stops —

Upon Enquiry ~~of Sergeant~~ of the Persons alluded to in the 7 Article we find that John Gray the person complained of was a loyalist of Carolina who enlisted in and served with reputation during the War in the 84th Regt. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible] Instructions of His Excellency Gen. Haldimand such Persons were to be admitted and it appears that~~ was well recommended by the officer in whose Company he was a Sergeant, and was a proper Subject for admission into the Settlement under the particular Instructions of Genl. Haldimand of 17th May 1784 —

~~[illegible]~~ after perusal of the Instructions ~~[illegible]~~ and unlimited powers given to Captain Barnes by General Haldimand in respect to the Settlement of this Seigneurie, to which we must refer your Lordship, We thought it nevertheless incumbent on us, and within the letter of your Lordships Requisition, to enquire of

Captn. Burnes from what motive the refused Lands in the Sequence to Jos. Thomas. Robert Shaw ~~and~~ John Bedley and Samuel Humberston who appear to have ~~been~~ answered the Description of Persons most desired in the Settlement being Tradesmen of good Character who had accompanied Captn. White from ~~N.Y.~~ New York — and on this head we can only communicate to your Lordship the General reply of Captain Burnes, that He does not at this distance of time recollect the immediate Cause of his refusal of Lands to the persons above particularized, but concludes from the ~~remote possibility~~ the improbability of any personal Interest or Bias, that He had good cause at the moment, and that ~~He~~ to all such ~~to~~ whom He refused Lots at Sorel He offered Means of Conveyance to the Western Settlements ——

~~A~~ On the subject of the 9th. Article we could trace nothing satisfactory in support of the principal Scope of the Charge, it appears to us that ~~the~~ Mary Carpenter was an Orphan brought up Mrs. Lindsay and accompanied her as a loyalist

to St Johns where she was admitted on the List by Mr Smith the agent for that Purpose at that Part. and that after two years residence there, she was removed to Lorea, and if entitled to any Annuity or Sum of Money from Mr Jordan, it must be of so private a nature as not to support any Charge against the officers of ~~the Crown~~ for a misapplication of the Bounty of ~~the Crown~~ Government ~~Government~~ in her person —

The tenth article ~~[illegible]~~ ~~last Charge~~ appears to us to be an invidious Charge ~~against the political Character~~ as applied to the political Character of John Bostick a Child of 11 years of age brought up from his Infancy by the Mother of the Revd Mr Doby and by her brought into the Province — This boy was put on the provision List by express orders of Genl Haldimand, but being sent back to the Colonies for Education, should have been returned by the Commissary as absent without leave and his provisions should have been stopped, but it is evident that contrary to the general order in such Case, Mr Doby in whose family the boy was comprised, did continue to draw his Ration 8 Months after his return to the States — In stating this

fact we think it ~~[illegible]~~ our duty to represent our firm persuasion that the Commissary Mr. Ingram ~~[illegible]~~ erred from ignorance of the Case, and that it was incumbent on Mr Doty to notify to him the dimination of his family ——

No Evidence being addressed ~~[illegible]~~ by the Complainant on the 11 ~~Charge~~ Article. We received the Testimony of three ~~of his~~ Neighbours of Mr Heith ~~who~~ ~~[illegible]~~ in favor of his good Character, and that they ~~were ignorant~~ knew nothing of his having been in the rebel service, nor does it appear to us that any suggestion of the kind was made at the time of Heiths admission as a Loyalist; the twelfth Article of the Paper of Grievances ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Conveys a malicious Insinuation against a worthy industrious Man which we think it a duty to wipe away, by stating to your Lordship what appeared to us in Evidence. That Greaves had very early done duty as a Drummer in the provincial Militia but joined General Burgoyne at Saratoga was imprisoned in New Hampshire as a Loyalist, and afterwards continued to

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harbour with the British Scouts on Secret Service untill it became necessary for him to come within the lines, since which times it appears that He has approved himself an industrious good Citizen —

Having ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ enquired into the several Complaints set forth in the several Memorials and List of Grievances handed to us with your Lordships Instructions, we ~~in further [illegible]~~ called upon the Settlers to bring forward any Complaint which they might have collectively or individually on any Subject which interfered with the Quiet and Happiness of the Settlement, ~~Mr.~~ Alexander White Esqr. in behalf of himself and his Company entered a Complaint against the Reverend John Doby Justice of the Peace for an Act of Violence and Insult in cutting down a Maypole ~~[illegible]~~ erected by the Loyalists of Captn. White's Company, as they express themselves in Conformity to the Custom of the Country. On this Complaint We heard a Variety of Evidence and had Cause to observe with regret the uncontrolable Spirit of party which prevails in this little

little Distinct — It is difficult to trace the Motives of Mens Actions, but we do not hesitate on this occasion to pronounce that the ~~[illegible]~~

Interference of the Magistrate on this occasion ~~on this occasion~~ must have proceeded less from Motives of Attention to Good order and the public peace, than to gratify ~~[illegible]~~ the Jealousy of a Party. — Yet having ventured to ~~[illegible]~~ give full Expression to our own Sentiments on this Subject as to the Cause of the affray, ~~[illegible]~~ we beg leave to refer your Lordship to our Minutes for the ~~[illegible]~~ Circumstantial Detail of Facts which led ~~to the opinion we have pronounced~~ to this opinion

Following the Course of our Minutes we proceed to state to your Lordship the result of that part of our Enquiry which respects the Charge against Mr. Jones the Barrack Master for an Embezzle of his Majesty's Stores, ~~and~~ submit to your Excellency that ~~[illegible]~~ however clear from the Evidence brought

brought before us, that Iron with the Kings Mark has been worked up at Mr Jones Mill for his private use, and altho' He has not been able to prove in a satisfactory manner how the whole of such Iron came into his possession, yet not having before us the Accounts and Returns of the Barrack Stores since they have been in his Custody we are unable to suggest any Ground for so heavy a Charge as the Embowlement of his Majesties Stores, and as there is a possibility from the Testimony of one person who sold him a Quantity of old Iron, some of which had declared by the Ar upon it that the ~~Quantity with~~ whole of such Iron deposed by Custis to have been worked up may have been bought by him, and also as the Iron worked up at his Mills ~~was~~ openly and without any Attempt at Concealment We are led to exculpate him not only from the ~~[illegible]~~ Fact but the Suspicion of the Charge. more especially as some Circumstances shew that the Charge is made six Months after the first Information and that in the Interval there had been ~~some~~ ~~persons~~ ~~alteration between~~ ~~on pecuniary Matters~~ resentment from Major Le Moine —

~~Kings Mark~~ ~~with the~~ was with the Kings Mark

the foregoing Circumstances joined with the most ample Testimony of several respectable ~~[illegible]~~ Officers as to his long established Character for Honesty and Fidelity in the Execution of his Trust as Barrack Master ~~[illegible]~~ induced us to acquit him of ~~[illegible]~~ any criminal Conduct of ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ but he cannot forbear remarking that ~~the~~ ~~several~~ He ~~has~~ appears to have made an ~~indirect~~ imprudent ~~[illegible]~~ use of the ~~[illegible]~~ Tools and Utensils confided to his Charge.

In obedience to your Lordship further Instructions of the 21st Instant We proceeded to hear Mr. Thomas Charles Hyslop Scott in support of his Charge and Information agt Brigadier General Hope and Barry St Leger Esqr and have only to observe to your Lordship that ~~the~~ ~~M~~ Lt Robe of the Royal Artillery and Ensign Le Mayne of the 60 Regt have testified on both that Barry St Leger Esquire did make use of ~~the~~ Expressions disrespectful to his Majesty and your Excellency ~~but~~ which ~~agreeable to your Lordships Commands to omit~~ as ~~on~~

~~matter of too delicate a nature to offer our opinions upon ~~the subm~~ we submit to your Lordship in our Minutes~~

as far as they relate to his Majesty appear to us to have been inconsequent and proceeding from an idle inconsiderate Attempt at Wit in the uncautious Confidence of private Conversation, and as ~~respecting~~ they respect your ~~[illegible]~~ Excellency we have it in Command from your Lordship not to notice them, we refer your Lordship to the Letter received by us from Mr St Leger and Continue our Report upon the Investigation of the several other Charges brought by Mr. Scott as late Deputy Chaplain of to the 34 Regt. ~~for~~ against Captain Barnes;

In the Course of which Enquiry Mr. Thos. Charles Hyslop Scott appears to us to be altogether unworthy ~~of~~ the Countenance and Notice of your Excellency, there having been produced the most irrefragable Testimony of his unworthiness, in an attempt by means of a pretended Correspondence with the Bishop of London, and an ~~unsupported~~ unsupported Charge of Felony against a Servant of Captain Barnes, to extort Money from Mr St Legr and Captain Barnes, in

in the Prosecution of which Scheme He appears to us to have exposed himself to the Censure of the ~~Common~~ Law having proposed to Captain Barnes a Justice of the Peace to compound a Felony charged by him on Capt.n Barnes Servant ~~of the Consideration~~ on Condition of receiving 300 Guineas — As no Atrociousness of Character in Mr Scott would apologize on the Part of Capt.n Barnes or the Officer from whom He was to receive his ordinary Allowance for withholding from ~~Mr Scott~~ him what was his due, we enquired into the Grounds of his Complaint against the Deputy Quarter Master General and the Lieutenant Col.l of the 34 Reg.t and We find that ~~in Respect of~~ the ~~Exer~~ Interference ~~tions made by~~ of Captain Barnes to prevent Mr Scott from preaching in the Garrison after his dismission from the Army went by the written orders of Gen.l De Redeisel and that the Privation of his Barrack Allowance while officiating with the 34 Reg.t was in some Measure owing to his bad Character in the Regiment

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the Company to which He was attached
the Subalterns of ~~which~~ refusing to share
a Room with him; and in part to his own
neglect, as it appears the firing was cut for
the Officers by the Troops and upon applica-
tion to the Officer commanding the Generals
Company ~~Mr~~ Mr Scott might have read
his ~~Allowance~~ — We cannot close this
article of our Report without observing to your
Lordship that ~~Mr~~ Thomas Charles Hyslop
Scott has ~~by his~~ been and is ~~to~~ clearly the
occasion of much Disorder and division
in the small episcopal Society of this Parish by
continuing to ~~officiate~~ perform the functions
of an ~~Priest on~~ ordained Priest on all
occasions which offer, ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible] to divide the~~
~~Parish from [illegible] Mr Doby~~
~~the established Minister in the Convention~~
~~that Mr Scott is an Imposter refuses to~~
~~[illegible] his Church or to~~
and in a recent Instance during our
sitting has given Cause for much
Scandal and heartburning; Mr Doby the
established Minister having refused to
lend the ~~[illegible]~~ use of his Church or
Sexton ~~[illegible]~~ for an Interment at which
Mr Scott was to officiate, assigning
for

For Cause of such refusal his Conviction ~~that Mrs~~ of Mr Scotts Imposture and ~~[illegible]~~ immoral Conduct.—

Having thus offered to your Lordship the result of our Enquiry into each particular Complaint before we proceed to state our opinion on the radical Cause of and probable remedy to be applied to the Discontents and Uneasinesses which have prevailed in this Settlement, we judge it proper to take Notice of several Memorials presented to us since our Arrival at Sorel and proceeding in the order in which they were presented We

Memorials

beg leave to refer your Lordship to our Minutes and the Indorsement on the ~~[illegible]~~ Memorial of John Claw ~~and~~ to recommend

No. 1.

~~him to your Lordships Consideration~~ to your Lordship his Claim for provisions so long as they were granted to others in his Circumstances, as we find his absence in the States was necessary and that by a subsequent order such Allowance has been made in like Cases —

No. 2 — The unhappy Man who presents this Memorial appears to us no otherwise

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an Object of favour but that He has been loyal to his Prince and is not able to subsist himself - We therefore on that Account only presume to recommend John Clark to be continued on the pension List

No 3. The Case of John Wilson appearing to us to be immediately within the Cognizance of the Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor General we thought proper to refer the Notice of this Memorial to Mr Collins

No 4 Elias Holmes brings with him the Testimony of all under whom he has served and who have known him since he was disabled by a Wound, of being a ~~faithful~~ loyal, faithful and Industrious Subject, who has obtained some Assistance from Government to enable him gaining a livelihood by the Ferry at this place, and we think it incumbent on us to recommend him to your Excellency as a deserving Object of further favor, and at the same time to point out to your Lordship that he may be effectually assisted by the Gift of a Cable remaining in the Naval Store proper to supply the place of his Trash Rope

lately

will not enable him to renew —
nearly worn out & ~~which the Prudent of the Forg~~

No. 5 Having narrowly enquired into the Presen
of Samuel Buck we find them without any
foundation, as there has been no objection
made to his removal of the Materials
which compose the ~~Sm~~ Forge he built on
the Domain of this Sequence, the only
condition ~~appearing~~ to us to have been
entered into by the Chief Engineer when
Liberty was granted to him to erect the
Building ——————

No. 6. The Case of Daniel Cronin appearing me
the object of the Attorney General Interfe
-sition than of any summary relief from
your Lordship we have recommended
his application to the Court of Kings Ben
where the irregularity of the Proceeding
by which a Criminal has escaped and
an innocent prosecutor put to necessary
Expense and Trouble ~~will be~~ the suppos
may be duly investigated ——————

No. 7. Feeling the propriety of the application
of Mr Delaney in all its objects and mo
particularly in that of making some
provision for the further Comfort of
the aged and helpless Invalids, We

No. 7. We beg leave to recommend it to your Excellency's Consideration, and at the same time to point out to your Landship that the humanity and tender attention of Mr. Delancey to these objects of his Care render him the properest person to be entrusted with the application of any pecuniary relief your Excellency may think proper to afford to the distresses of this people —

No. 8. Mary Brouster being one of the objects recommended in the representation of Mr. Delancey we forbear any further explanation on this subject ~~[illegible] in Commendation of the humanity of the officers of the Government who in favor of the distressed Orphans have really suffered themselves to be blinded by the reports of the mother as to the age of her children while a destination [illegible] in favor of children [illegible] the age of ten years.~~ the readiness with which

No. 9. The Memorial of Uriah Curtis acts Forth as a Grievance the refusal of a Lot in this Seigneurie by Capt. Barnes. And we ~~are~~ are sensible that the Cause assigned for that refusal and ~~[illegible]~~ indorsed upon the

the Memorial forms a greater Grievance in that it was not investigated; and the Memorialist lies under Censure for an ~~[illegible]~~ unproven offence which He denies to have committed — We can ~~again~~ only recur ~~again~~ to the unconditional Authority vested in Captain Barnes as to the Settlement of this Pergunnaise, and recommend the Memorialist for a Grant of Lands in the western Settlements ——

No. 10 The Complaint of John Brachin is so Lindous and vexatious, that we should be inclined to pass it over in Silence did not your Excellency's Instructions require our Opinions on every Topic of our Enquiry, and that it affords an additional proof of that uncharitable Spirit of party so clearly illustrated in the Evidence couched on our Minutes upon Investigation of this Complaint ——

No. 11. We can only ~~offer~~ to your Lordship ~~to~~ the Memorial of Ann Cameron and state as ~~[illegible]~~ one Ground of our Recommendation that the unhappy Memorialist

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has severely felt the Effects of party Rage in this small Circle having had several Cows and Hogs killed in the night by unknown ~~spo~~ assassins who by leaving the ~~[illegible]~~ Carcasses on the Spot evinced that their Crime did not proceed from Necessity and leaves us to regret that we cannot fix the offence ——

No. 12 The Memorialist Dr. Hansen we find an object of Commiseration, being in the greatest possible Distress, notwithstanding He bears the Character of Honesty and Industry — we are assured that He has Merit in the ready tender of his Services where they would be useful, but are unable to point out to your Landship how they might be called ~~forth~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to give any other name to such bounty as may be bestowed on him, than mere Charity ——

No. 13 Simpson Jenne appears to us to have no ~~Claim~~ good Ground for his Claim to the Enjoyment of Meadow made by him on the Kings Ground while cutting

Wood

Wood upon Contract, and we find that Mr. Corbyn the Agent for the Frequency has acted under orders of the Lt Governor. but submit to your Lordship how far it might be proper to indulge Simpson Jenne in the Enjoyment of this Mention as a Favor but of Grace from year to year untill wanted by Government as it appears to us that He was at some Expence in sowing Grass Seed upon it.

Having gone through the Memorials handed to us and offered to your Lordship our Sentiments upon each, It remains for us in Compliance with the first part of your Excellency's Instructions to offer to your Lordship our Ideas of the true Causes of the Disquietudes which have prevailed in this Settlement and of the most adequate Means of affording an effectual Remedy ——

To accomplish us far as in our Power this object of our Appointment we have looked into all the papers and have duely weighed all the Information

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laid before us— In the Course of this Investi-
gation it was not difficult to trace
the true Causes of the Disquietudes and Murmurs
of the Loyalists settled in this Neighbourhood,
~~of Canada~~ but as these Causes are various
and some of them have produced Effects
in their nature irremediable we are
apprehensive our Report must fall short
of its desired End in pointing out an effica-
cious Remedy to each disorder.— We find
it was the Intention of your Excellencys
Predecessor General Haldimand to settle this
Loyal Race with industrious Tradesmen
who had abandoned their former Settlements
in the revolted Colonies and who by their
loyal adherence to their Sovereign
merited the Countenance and protection
of Government— That to further this Design
by providing Employment for their Industry
in their several professions and to prevent
the loss of their useful Knowledge by mean
Attention to Husbandry. It was Held out
to such Tradesmen as should settle in the
Province that a Town would be laid out
and to each Settler on a Lot of Sixty Acres
which might suffice for their Supply of Wood
Forage and Vegetables a Town Lot should

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be granted on which to settle themselves in their respective Trades. — That the annual Expectation of this Town hot has induced my Tradesmen to remain Loitering about Sorel where, whilst they were victualed by Government they led an inactive life, and having no immediate Spur to Industry or Brass to their thoughts, they have in general become useless Drones burthensome to themselves and Society, or if their Minds have preserved any Activity it has been directed to improper objects, to the Suggestion of imaginary Grievances or Jealousy of each other and of the Impartiality of the Officers of the Government to whose Care they have been committed — This Spirit of Complaint has grown with their Disappointment and real distress so that at present it is apt to dwell upon the most trifling and inconsiderable objects as our Minutes must evince to your Lordship — In referring to this continued Disappointment in respect of the Town Settlement as ~~one of the~~ a primary Causes of the disquietudes of this People we by no means pretend

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say that it is the only Cause. The System heretofore adopted by the officers of the Crown in the Treatment of their people, has been another Cause of Uneasiness Doubt and Jealousy amongst them. - It appears to us upon the general Scale that every Attention has been paid to the real Necessities of the Loyalists settled at Sorel which might be expected from the national Generosity and Justice, but at the same time observe that the officers employed in that Service have contented themselves with a faithful and ~~[illegible]~~ humane discharge of their Duty without holding it incumbent on them to reason with or satisfy the Doubts of the Loyalists, altho' they might have before them the Instructions under which they acted, and which from any thing we have been able to observe would always have satisfied and checked Complaint in its birth - ~~[illegible]~~ ~~People have been [illegible] to [illegible] themselves [illegible] an [illegible] part of the Society they have heretofore lived in and to reason [illegible] upon political Institutions, they have not been able at once to conform themselves to that free~~ spirit

~~spirit of [illegible] subordination which [illegible] be thought becoming their situation, but having once sacrificed their property and risqued their persons in the cause of their King and the Laws it appears to us that they should not be readily suspected of seditious principles for questioning the conduct of subordinate officers unless they were fully assured they acted from [illegible]~~

~~This kind of~~ We cannot quit this subject without observing to your Lordship that another Cause of Unhappiness in this Settlement appears to be the personal Jealousy, Altercations and Resentments of a few Individuals who from Circumstances ~~to~~ take a lead among the Loyalists; the most bitter Spirit of Party arising out of a Jealousy of Influence prevails between the Familys of Mr. Doty the Minister and Mr. Jones the Barrister on one side and ~~Mr.~~ Messrs. White & Smith on the other, ~~which~~ ~~who appears to us to have been~~ We cannot trace the Cause of this ~~[illegible]~~ opposition but we see its Effects in a rancorous display of Malevolence on either side and ~~[illegible]~~ the only remedy we can suggest is take from either ~~[illegible]~~ the Power of Garrison; and it is with concern that we here notice the very indiscreet use of the Commission of the Peace by Captn. Abbot of the Royal

~~[illegible]~~ which we find to have been greatly fomented by ~~the~~ Interference of Messrs. Le Moyne was only since his Command ceased, but during his Command in the Garrison;

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The Power of doing Injustice under Cover of Authority.— We hereby believe that the Ministry of the Gospel is disturbed and that the public receive little benefit from the Authority of the Magistrate being vested in the Hands of the Clergy where other Subjects can be found and We suggest to your Lordship that a transfer of the Duties of the Magistrate for this settlement from Mr Doty to Mr Delaney ~~[illegible]~~ might be attended with good Effects

The Cessation of the Treasury Ration ~~[illegible]~~ ~~a great Measure [illegible]~~ the induced a Necessity for close application and Industry on the part of such Settlers as are upon their Lands, which will leave them little time for Cabals or the Invention of Grievances, any Future Trouble, your Excellency may receive on this Subject, we apprehend must proceed from those who continue to be supported in a State of Indolent Inactivity and as the few persons who come within that Description, and are not invalided, ought from their Characters and Means of Information to ~~[illegible]~~ act with Propriety, we shall confine our observation on the Means of preserving future Quiet

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to the Body of Invalids — In visiting the Quarters of this unhappy people we find their distresses great, but in great measure proceeding from Idleness and Inattention to themselves — We apprehend that if your Excellency would augment their Allowance to a full Ration and order the Inspector to furnish them with some ~~trifling~~ small Accommodation of Tea or Coffee and Sugar to be withheld from them for a short time at his discretion as a Punishment for breach of his orders or such stated Rules as your Landship might order to be drawn up for their internal Government in their barracks, the Good Effect would soon be visible and ~~your~~ Ease Comfort and Happiness might at a very inconsiderable expense succeed to want, Dirt and Misery in the ~~Quarters of the~~ Invalid Quarters.

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Report on Enquiry
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Sorel 12th June 1787 ——

Present

John Collins — } Esqrs.
Samuel Holland — }
Captains Munn }
Tucker — }
Mr Powell — ——

Received from A White sundry Depositions and Drafts of Depositions —

Recd No. 1 Deposition of Mehëtabel Buck — Sworn.

Says That she frequently weighed her provisions and on those occasions being guided by the appearance, she always found them wanting by the Steelyards which were just. — Swears that Mr. Agnew refused the Butter for five Months to her for five Months and persisted in such refusal under pretence that there was an order for that purpose, until Mr Ferguson Ass. Con: Genl. in presence of Deponent, blaming Mr. Agnew for having withheld — and it was immediately it was issued to her upward of 60 £ that Mr Gray a loyalist was permitted to pick his rations in her presence out of two Barrels, but never asked the same favor herself nor known of any Grounds of Connection which wd induce Mr. Agnew to be partial to Mr G — That the refuse part of the Beef

offalsh were left att the Quarters &c
issued

Samuel Buck Swor

Says That He frequently weighed the Butter received by himself and found it wanting in Weight but did not make Discovery of the wantage untill he got home when it sometimes wanted 2 lb. some time 2½ out of 15 lb

That Having an Issue of fresh Beef to receive He at the time represented to Mr. Agnew that He was sure the Issue must be short, Mr. Agnew declared that it was full but afterwards the very day that the Commissary Mr. Ferguson ~~reprimanded~~ ordered the Butter withheld to be given (It was ~~given to~~ made up by Mr. Agnew voluntary offer without being called upon for the Deficiency - and swears that the Surplus so given had accrued and was due when ~~the~~ Mr. Agnew refused to give it ~~him more~~ him. - That Mr Bull received his full Allowance the same day it was refused to him - That the offal Meat was issued with the Quarters -

No. 2 – Daniel Dabor Buck – Sworn

Says that He frequently received the issue of Butter for his Fathers family and weighed it before it had been out of his Custody and founding a Heritage of 2.lb out 15.lb

That when fresh Beef was issued the offals were weighed with the Quarter, but does not say that the Issuer refused to absolutely take them out upon Complaint, but finding the Meat much frozen and it being near night Mr. Lyman hurried him out of the Store without taking out of all the Parts complained of

Does not know that Mr Lyman Supplied the Beef himself ——

No. 3 Aaron Bull – Sworn

Says that He received his full Issue of fresh Beef ie ordinary and additional Allowance together in Nov. 85

That Mr. Jno. Gray picked his Beef out of the Barrel and then ordered Bull to take the rest and get away with it, that the remainder was so out of proportioned Bonny that happy only [illegible] him take it with him.

That Mr. Agreew never refused have to him to prick Luis provisions as he never asked for such favour.

Eliz^h Tonnerber Sworn

Says That upon A months receipt of 3½ Ratio there was a Diminution of 3:lb

That she was sent for to Mr. Moseley's but was not urged to be an unwilling Evid

That her testimony was voluntary

That she did not complain to the Commissary of the Deficiency of her rations.

Jonathan Phelps Sworn

Says That in Nov. 1785. He received 3 months 3 Rations in which there w a Deficiency of Thirty three pounds of Beef which was never made up to him, and in the Flour 70:lb

That as a Compensation was made to him for a Deficiency of Bulls He thinks 56 lbs of Beef

That Mr. Agreew refused to at first to grice up the Deficiency in the Bulls ~~untill~~ saying it had been allowed to his Wife but on Deponents offer

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to send for his Wife to prove the Contrary the Issue then gave up the Point and gave him 50 lb of Beef in lieu of it — And then the Cloud remains — Cont Deposition No 4

Benjamin Gallaway — Sworn

Says that he was present in the Store when J. Phelps had some dispute with Mr. Aynew about a Deficiency of Butter which Mr. A. said had been received by Phelps which Phelps denied, but cannot say if Mr. Aynew made up the Deficiency or not —

That he observed no more deficiency in his Beef wt. than what might have been occasioned by the pickle draining off in going home say 7 or 8 lb in 150 lb — That his own weights were stamped and agreed with Mr. Aynews in the Store.

Hannah Phelps — Sworn

That she came to the Store for her provision — that J. Phelps and Cropp

[illegible] not known [illegible] Time when

but to write [illegible]

Jessup weighed it and found it wanting as they said - that she has no knowledge of the Deficiency and never went to the Store to require any Compensation for such pretended deficiency nor did she receive any flour from the Mr. Agnew to make it up -

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Adjourned to 9th o'Clock tomorrow 13 June 1787 -

Wednesday 13 June 1787 —

Silas Hamlen — Swan —

Says that he had a Bon for 60 lbs: of Beef in the Fall of 1785 - that he brought it to Mr. Agnew the Issuer who refused to deliver the Beef saying that these Bons were declared of no Consequence by the Commanding Officer, that he was refused for a Confirmation of this to Major Le Moine, but not finding Major Le Moine and being told by Mrs Le Moine that she believed there was no such order against the Bons, that he returned to Mr. Agnew who then offered to give him ½ his Beef but on his refusal to accept ½ and getting into his Cart to go away Mr. Agnew called him back & delivered the full Wt. of Beef for the Bon —

(because the loss must be out of his own pocket)

That He cannot say Mr Ferguson was upon the Ground - Capt Hagle was present when Agnew sent him to Major Le Noine telling him that the Major would have his Box -

Mr Francis Hagle — Sworn -

Says that He was present in the Store when some words passed between Silas Hamlin & Mr Agnew respecting the Quality of a leg of Beef; that Mr Hamlin said it was almost spoilt and Agnew replied that He ought to have come for it at the proper time for that Major Le Noine had given Orders that no Beef should be delivered to any who did not come for them at the proper day for Issueing them - That He had seen such an order nailed up in the Store — But He remembers Hamlins saying upon his return that Mr Le Noines had directed him to return again when the Major should be at home - That Mr Agnew said if Major Le Noine would give Hamlin an order for the Beef, He had no objections to Issue it. —

That He was present in the Store when Mr Doty receiving some Provision had accidentally the Voice of the Lad

of

of one Barrel and the legering of the second which made his draft better than ordinary - that ~~Mr Agnew~~ the Scales being overcharged Mr. Agnew to lighten them pricked out one of the best pieces, which Mr Doby insisted upon being returned and after some changing was suffered to keep and a worse piece was taken out. —

Joseph Hannbecker ux. D. 87. Sworn

Says that in 1785 he once thought his Beef was too light and weighed a Months issue of 3 1/3 Rations which wanted from 16 or 18 lbs — That He complained to Mr Agnew who talked high and swore that He must have used french Scales but say he weighed with a Steel and english ~~Wt~~ — That He made no further Complaint of it — That He never heard his Deposition read to him. —

John Kluck — Sworn

Says that He was present at Captain Abbots Apartment when Joseph Hannbecker, & Henry Katchenbach were present to swear to an

affidavit

affidavit drawn by Mr. Mosely but that no oath was administered at that time to either nor does He believe that any oath was administered to him to affirm such Deposition at any other time ——

Henry Katzenbach — Sworn —
says that He never swore to any deposition ~~sig.~~ before Mr. Abbott ——

Mr. John Cluck — Sworn before. Says that in 23d Novr. 1785. He received his Provision of Beef up to the 1st March. when Mr. Agnew told him that 128 lb. was his full dead for that Period — but that in Decr. He received 29½ lb. Jany. 11. He went to Mr. Ferguson to demand two months Flour Kendall, but Mr. Ferguson told him that He could not have any demand for Flour if he took 3 Months Beef at once — and had made up his Accots and sent them to Quebec — but that afterwards upon convincing Mr. Ferguson that He not recd one order for his whole Allowance of Beef & Flour together — the Flour was made up to him 81 lb. for 2 Mos. that He had a pec Bon for 7½ Gallons

which

which He presented to Mr. Ferguson who told him
the bon was of no value, upon which Clark
gave the Bon to Mr. Ferguson who tore it
but afterwards received a Compensation
for that Bon by Gen Hopes order —

~~That He was present when Hannbecker weigh~~
~~his provision in Novr. 1785 and being told by~~
~~the old people how many rations they~~
~~received and how much Beef they had~~
~~got He calculated the Wantage at 16 or~~
~~18 lb —~~

Henry Richard Harris Sworn —

Says that Having to receive his Beef in
Novr. 1785 Mr. Agnew refused to let him
the Beef weighed, He was obliged to take it
home and there cut it up and weigh
it in good Scales and found 16 lb. wa
besides full Allowance for waste —
That He once received 45 lb. of flour in
of 66 lb. due to him does not know at wh
time

John Thorn Sworn

Says — That in Novr. 1785 when the fresh Beef
was issued for three Months Mr Clough &
himself went to the Store where there we
hanging from 20 to 30 Quarters That
Mr.

Mr. ~~Lyman~~ Clough went thro' and picked out two hind Quarters in presence of Mr. Lyman whereupon He said if one pick the other may but Lyman told him He must take the first that came or none and gave him a forequarter & to make up his weight gave him the neck of another ——

~~[illegible]~~

Frederic Williams — Sworn.

Says He was present when Clough took the 2 hind Quarters and then was obliged by Mr Lyman to take 1 fore Quarter and the neck part of another - which then desired Deposit to take notice of as ill usage — That upon his refusal to give up a Bon for peace ~~[illegible]~~ 1 mo. 4 Rations without Compensation Mr. Lyman threatened to stop his next draft of Provisions, but by order of the Lt Gov. the Bon was discharged before the next drawing day — ——

Declares that He never swore more than one Deposition before Capt. Abbot and to that He ~~signed his name~~ made his Mark ——

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Mary Heath — Sworn

Says that in March 1786 she drew a Months Draft of Drations — very bad Beef and it was 8 lb being weighed before it was ~~[illegible]~~ out of her Custody — That she did not complain of this Deficiency to Mr. Agnew nor would have spoke more of it but that she was sent for to Mr. Mosely where the Loyalists were assembled — That a Deposit was read to her; but that the Contents of the affidavit now shewn to her were never read to her by Mr. Abbott —

That she heard Mr. Agnew say to sev Persons that if they did not bring in the Pea thous by the next drawing [illegible] had orders to give them no more Pea

John Mabuss. Sworn

Says that he had a Bon for three Months Beef, Butter and Peace — That when he rec the Beef and Butter Mr. Agnew kept the Bon and told him that there being no Peace in the Store He could have none ~~[illegible]~~ and ~~give up the~~ Bo but afterwards received a Compensa for the Peace in Flour —

John Rogers Sworn

Says that when he drew three months rations of Beef, Flour and Butter - the Pease were afterwards compensated in Flour, but that Mr. Agnew stopped his Beef and Flour at the next 3 drawing days to make up for the 3 months surplusage of Butter said to have been given, and afterwards made up one months Butter of that which had been stopped - Cannot speak as to time - but never complained to the A. C. G. —

Amariah How Sworn

Says that from Novr. 1785 to Feby. 1786 - He received no Butter - but was put under Stoppage as if he had drawn the Butter, that afterwards one months Butter was made up to him and on clearing up the mistake to Agnew the Commissary would only allow him back one half of what he had stopped so that he has a Claim for one Months full Stoppage — That he demanded this Answer from Mr. Agnew who said he had got all he should get it. —

John Driver — Sworn —

Says He had a Box for 1 months Peace when Mr. Agnew demanded of him under pr. Ch to stop his Provision for it —

That He had 2 Months Butter stopt —

Adjourned to 8 o'Clock a m

tomorrow —

~~Adjourned~~

Thursday 14th June 1787 —

Read the Memorial of the Loyalists under the Command of A White Esquire - received 2

12 Articles of Complaint as they follow in the paper of Grievances No. 10 —

No. 1 - Admitted by the Deputy Qr. M. General. excepting Inferred Partiality — ~~In Support of~~ against which

Godfrey Saipart — Sworn

Says. That He had received a Green Coat when the general Cloathing was issued, that it being worn out, He begged some pieces to mend it and Mr Fearon gave him a few pieces of the size of his hand to patch it with —

Jane Crozier — Sworn —

Says. That She received 1 Piece of Linnen in March 178 a few yards of Linnen, a Handkerchief, Shoe Sole and about 4 yds. of Coarse green Cloath last, from Mr. Fearon and Mr Doty - was inv last May 1786 - Mr Barnes says He order the piece of Linnen to be given in 1786 -

Read two letters from Major Mathews 5th April 1784 and 17th May 1784. ~~to Alex.r~~ White Esqr.

Read also a letter from Genl Haldimand to Captn Barnes - 17th May 1784

No 2. Admitted by D. Q. M. G. there being only 46 Pr of Shoes in Store

No 3 Admitted - sustained by Letter from G. H. 20th May 1784

No 4. Admitted to see Distribution & Letter as above

No 5. Compared the List of Cloathing distributed to Loyalists at Sorel and Chaleur Bay - find the Difference in the Cloathing of Children under 10 yrs 1/2 yd. Woolen Cloath & 1/2 Blanket Favr Chaleur Bay

Jacob Golett Dice Sworn

Says He received in 1786. A Portion of green Cloath to make two Coats, much damaged - a Portion of Buff Cloath for fore parts of 2 Waistcoats still more damaged so that they made Socks of them

John Doty Clk Sworn

Says that Mr Fearon A. D. Q. M. G having told him that there was some dammaged Cloathing in Store destroying by the Rats, and begd Dept to take it if he knew of any poor persons that could make it useful - That Dept sent his Servt a poor old Loyalist to the Store with 2 bags when he brot back about half full of this damaged Cloathing - that the Bags were called to get a Suit for the old Man Jos. Elsworth ~~a~~ and two pieced Suits for the Children of J. D. Dice and some small pieces which made a Waistcoat & Trowsers for his Negro Boy ~~at~~ the residue made files off for cleaning the House

Captn Barnes declares that he left orders to Mr Fearon to give away this damaged Cloathing [illegible] proper to whom he

No 6 – Recd from Mr Barnes a State of the Store
25 Xr 1783. to 24 March 1784. Issues by which it appears that the Distribu
to the Loyalists at Sorel would not hold
for all in the Province but that the last Issues were from Necess
compensated at an Evaluation of the a
Species and articles of Clothing – Mr Barn
acknowledges to have given away only
Sett of Shoemakers Tools at Sorel, because H
found only one person deserving such a Grace – th
the remaining 7 Setts were forwarded to the Sett
above as he thinks. –

No 7 Mr White mentions a Mr Gray who had a Lot an
sold it brought upon the Seigneurie – Capt
Barnes gave him a Lot upon the recommen
tion of his Captain, Malcom Fraser, whose Serg
he was in 84th – B Letter from G. H. 17 May 1784
Two Stepians Inkle, & Dorie – Men of exce
Character and good Deportment the latter
married to the Daughter of a Loyalist: admi
by Capt Barnes. B. Letter. 17 May 1784. G. H

~~James Thomas~~.

John Clows – Sworn –

Says – James Thomas was a good Tradesme
serving with the British at Bennington wa
taken Prisoner and kept all the War – When
came he was recommended by Major Vanal
to Capt Barnes who refused him a Lot or
Provisions and he went to Quebec whe
he procured ~~an ord~~ a letter from G. H.
Capt Barnes who still refused him Provi
and

and He went up to ~~Cataraqua~~ Niagara with Major Van Alstayne —

Capt. Barnes remembers these Circumstances but does not recollect why He refused to admit ~~him~~ but think his Reasons were good —

Capt. Barnes - observes that Harris, Hayland Bull, Campbell were discharged Soldiers

Mr White observes that they got into his List as being refugees who had served his Majesty in provincial Corps —

Mr White names Robert Shaw and John Ridley ~~loyalists~~ who were refused Lotts —

Andrew Forrester Sworn - Says that Shaw and Ridley were refused Lands by Capt. Barnes, that they were Honest Men and good Tradesmen in Mr Whites List — Capt. Barnes assigns no particular Cause for such refusal but refers to Letter 17th May 1784 from G. H —

No. 9 - These people were sent down by Mr Smyth from St Johns - Mr S. was authorised to examine and admit People coming in to Rations &c

Mary Carpenter Sworn Says - That she came into Canada 4 or five Yrs ago with Darby Lyndsay - that she received her first Provisions at Dutchmans Point - that

...arbury Hambecker ...on - Mary and ...ndsay. Sworn. ...s. B over leaf

...ut She resided 2 ...ut St Johns with ...ndsays family & ...till she was of age ...ed a Pension ...om Mr Jordan ...order of 4. Schuyler

John Bostick

No. 10th. William Agnew — Sworn —

Says 4 rations were ~~pr~~ given to Mr. Doby untill the last Moment of rations being all say 1st Septr. 1786 — Mr. Doby upon oath — Says he received two rations only before his Mot came in with Bostwick — Mean the Boy g this Country in the fall Nov. 1785. That J. P. was his Nephew whose father died in 1776 so which the Boy then 1st old has lived with mother —

Stephen Delaney Esqr. Sworn

Says that Augustus Bostick was an Inhabitant of Albany and there considered as a Rebel but cannot say if he was a Warm Ad nor if he was a Committee Man —

Felix Meyers — Sworn

Says that He knew Augustus Bostick of Albany a violent rebel was hunted up Tories night and day —

He saw Bostick go about armed to take Tories just before he died and that He m himself as busy as any one —

Capt. John Burnes — declares that He put the elder Mrs Doby and the Boy J. B. upon the Provision List by order of G. H

Margaret Lyndree —

That Mary Carpenter has lived with Depon since 1½ Years old and was bound to her un of age — that she brought her in as part of her family ~~but receives~~ that the had T sons in Cumberland loyal Soldiers, that H was not sent in by G. Schuyler nor ha

received any Pension from him —

~~No. 11 Mr. White says Jacob Heith~~

adjourned to 8 o'clock Tomorrow
Mon. S. —

Friday 15th June 1787

Memorial — Received of Uriah Curtis Memorial on the subject of the Refusal of Lands, Rations &c.

Mary Heath (sworn before) to a Question by Mr. White, says that neither Mr. Doty or any other Person has directly or indirectly intimidated her or attempted to intimidate from giving any Testimony to this Board —

No. 12 Uriah Curtis — sworn — says that He does not know John Greaves —

Richard Harris (sworn before) says that He was a Butcher at Fort George the 1st Year of the War and Jno. Greaves bought from him two Sheepskins for Drum heads saying He was a Drummer in the Militia —

John Smith — sworn, Says that he heard that Jno. Greaves was brought in Prisoner by the Neck —

Queensbury in State of N. York) Phineas Babcock — Sworn — Says, that He knows John Greaves and has known him for many years, that He was a Drummer in the Militia of York State in the beginning of the War, that he joined Gen Burgoyne on his March, that afterwards He was taken by the Rebels and confined at Portsmouth & on his return home harboured the Loyalists

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on secret Service untill he voluntarily
came in with his Brother in Law J. Pl

Francis Moore — Sworn Says. that He ne
knew Mr Greaves ~~in the~~ untill He came in
this Province

James Shaw. Sworn — Says. that He gave
Receipts at Chaleen Bay for three Suits of
Cloaths and he thinks three Shirts

Received the Memorial of J. Claw

Rheuben Hawley — Sworn Says. —
That the Memorial to which his Name
signed contained many Articles that do
not interest him — That he joined the
Complaint in Support of his Neighbour
who He thought had as good a right to
get their peas without Bons as He had
with a Bon — That Mr Agnew threa
to stop their provision unless the Bo
were given up —

John Wilson Sworn Says. That He w
one Morning to Mr Ferguson to enquire
He would receive Peas for a Bon, that Mr
Farquharson told him that the Bons we
given out to his wrong and if paid m
be out of his Pocket whereupon Deponent
his Bon and threw it into Mr Farquha
Stove saying it would be unreason

in him to expect Peas which He was to pay for — That when the Peas were compensated in flour He received his Proportion as if he had kept his Bon —

Mr. Jenne & Mr. Mosely being asked if they have any further Complaint to make or sustain declare they have none —

Mr. Adams Jno. being asked if He had any Complaint to make or sustain declares He has none —

Mr. White being asked if any He has any further Complaint to make or sustain, replies that He has none except in the Affair of the Maypole —

On the Memorial of John Claw — Captn. Barnes shews that the granting of Bedding &c. was by loan as a favour and not a Matter of Right. That the Bricks and Nails were not given unless to such persons as were Building — Claws acknowledges that He was not building nor has built — That He was not entitled to Provisions while absent in the States &c. Letter from Gen Hope — &c. List of Individuals to whom only Barrack Allowance was continued — Viz. White, Smith Hogle, Doty & Mrs. Crozier —

no Distinction of Officers in Barrack Allowance

wd. being friend answer that wd build —

ajourned to Monday

Monday 18th June 1789

Received and read the Memorial of Mary Brown
ordered to be heard on Wednesday 23th Instt

Received and read the Memorial of John Kluck
Potter — ordered to be heard on Wednesday 20 Ins

Received and read the Memorial of John Wilson
Received and read the Charge of Thos Chas Hyslop Scott

Mr William Agnew heard in Answer to the
Charges contained in the foregoing aspe

Produced and read a Letter from Mr Craig
No. Commissary General dated 20 Feby 1786
confirming an order for Stoppage of Butte
and Peace from 1st Novr 1785. and to reduc
the Ration to Loyalists to 2/3 Flour & 6 by Po

Produced and read a Letter from James
Farquharson A. C. G. dated Quebec 24 M
1786. stating that the Commander in Ch
ness notified of the propriety of stopping
what had been overissued and Tirating
No. to stop their provisions if they will not
up their Bows for peace

~~Received~~ produced and read a Letter from Mr Cra
No. dated 24 April 1786. ordering the Pea Bow
be paid and the Ration of 16 by 2/3. Flour & Po
to be issued without Deduction

Mr Agnew delivers in upon both a Ro

his Issues to Lazarists from 24 Sept.r to 29th Oct.r 1785 —
by which it appears that for 1 ~~Mo and 5 mos~~ 35 d.s.
He issued to Samuel and Daton Buck for 120 Rations
125 lb. Flour: 60 lb. Pork: 80 lb. Beef: 18 lb :: 13 oz. Butter —

James Sawers — Swon — Says — That by order
of Lt Fearon A.D.Q.M.G. He weighed and compared
the Issuing Commissary's Weights used in the
Provision Store and altho some of the smaller
Weights were deficient He cannot say how
much, but that all the different Weights
put together exceeded the same Weights
of new stamped Cast Iron belonging
to the ord.ce — particularly an Iron 56 lb
and a lead 7 lb — This Survey was early in the
Summer 1786. —

John Gray Swon. Says —
That He never obtained leave from Mr. Agnew
to pick his provision nor received any other
partial favour from him but always con-
sidered Agnew as harder upon him than any
other person. — That He has received Provision
since 1784 — that He was a 2.d Mr. Serg.t in the
84th was well acquainted with the Weights
and in this Store always believed them just and full —

Mr. Agnew calling upon Mess.rs Doby, Walker
Mr. Jones Mr. Wilson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Dorie
Mr. Foidle, Mr. Paradis, Mr. Castle, Miller
Nicol and Lighthart —

John Doby, James Walker, John Wilson Philip
Cook, Daniel Dorée, George Fadale,
Augustin Paradis David Curtles, Isaac
Friot Daniel Lighthart, Francis Hoy
Sworn Say — That they have long rec
Provisions from the Store and have nev
had any Cause of Complaint again
the Issuer. William Agnew either
for partial Indulgence to Individu
or delivery of short Weight. that
they they come here voluntarily to o
such Testimony in behalf of Mr.
Agnew as a good and deserving Offi
James Walker late Surgeon to the li
82 Regt. being asked if while tha
Regiment was at Sorel He ever he
of any Cause of Complaint of the Issue ansi
Commissary He never did

Isaac Friott being shew the Petition
the Loyalists No. 9. to which two Letter
Major Mathews date 5 April. 17th May 1784 are subjoined — Says
that He signed it at Mr Buckleys at Pot a
Becurre — that it was read to him in par
by Mr White (who said it was too fatiguing
read the whole) and that He considered the
object of the Petition to be principally to
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an Augmentation of Rations - and that He at the time of signing it heard of no other Complaint but of the Soles being given instead of Shoes - That He ~~was~~ regretted the having signed the Petition instantly afterwards —

Qu: by Captn White -

Have you lately received a Letter from Captn Barnes at Quebec? A. Yes: —

Daniel Lighthart - Says that He cannot read writing but that Mr White did read to him the Petition No. 9 to him at Mr. Buckleys, that He was induced to sign it in hopes of procuring to grant of provisions but that He never meant to complain of any thing but his Poverty —

George Foidle - Says. That the Memorial No. 9 was read to him and that he fully understood and Comprehended its Contents before he signed it. —

Augustin Paradis - Says the Petition No. 9 was read twice to him that he signed it in hopes of obtaining provision & Clothing

George Hawes - Says that the Memorial No. 9 was read by Mr White several Times, that he had several good reasons to sign it, and

Says that He had a Son of 16 Yrs of Age for whom He asked a Lot from Mr Collins who promised it to him, but that Captn Barnes refused to give him a Lot, which occasioned the Boy to grow mean and refuse to work upon Deponents Lot, because Others Sons of Loyalists of his own Age were allowed Lots — Says that He was the first Person who improved his Lot, that He was the first Person who asked for and got a Grindstone which ~~was kept at his place where~~ He carried ~~it~~ to his Lot at a great Expense and fitted it with an Iron Crank — That ~~since~~ about 14 days afterwards it was taken from him to be given to Mr Bucks Keeping — That He received a Camp Kettle but 4 others were to have the joint use of it. —

(David Sea, (sworn before). Says that He heard the Memorial No 9. read by Mr White at Mr Buckley that He did not thoroughly comprehend it — but that He had no other Meaning in Signing it then to procure Cloathing & Provisions. —

John Hall Tinman Sworn Says.

That He worked up 2 or 3. Camp Kettles which had been used, and made Tin & Ingur Canisters of them for Mr French — He found new Tin for the Tops — ~~adjourned to tomorrow~~ ~~8 o'Clock for Mr White's Complaint~~

Simpson Senior (sworn before) says that the Memorial No. 9 now read to him by Mr White was read to him at ~~Mr Buckleys~~ sorel in his own House, that he several times approved of parts of it and signed it merely to obtain the speedy laying out of the Town Lots a supply of Clothing & provision if it could be had. of which they were in great Want

Adjourned to 8 o Clock tomorrow

Mem: Before the above Adjournment Received the Letter and Complaint of Thos. Chas. Hyslop Scott. Communicated the same by Letter to Lord Dorchester and to the Lieut. Govr. ——

After Adjournment received List of Witnesses to support Majr Le Moynes Charge against Mr Jno. Jones Barrack Master. communicated the same to Mr. Jones and directed Majr Le Moyne to bring forward his Charge and Testimony ——

Tuesday 29th June 1787. ——

William Rogers, a Loyalist, (called by Mr White to invalidate the Testimony of Isaac Triot) sworn — Says. being shewn the Memorial No. 9 — that it was read by Mr White at Mr. Buckleys several times in presence of Isaac Triot —

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Amariah How (sworn before) says, that the Memorial No. 9, now shewn to him, was read twice in his presence but cannot say that Isaac Friot was in the Room at the time ——

Julius Bush a Loyalist Sworn, says that the Memorial No. 9 now shewn to him was read twice in his presence before he signed it, that Isaac Friot was present in the Room at both readings —

John Rogers (sworn before) says that the Memorial No. 9. now shewn to him, was read to him several times before He signed it, and that Isaac Friot was in the Room while it was read to the best of his belief. ——

Aaron Bull (sworn before) Says that the Memorial No. 9 now shewn to him was read to him two and once in the presence of Isaac Friot before He signed it ——

Samuel Buck (Sworn before) Says that He signed the Memorial No. 9 now shewn to him that was read to him by Mr White but cannot say if Isaac Friot was present at the time it was read ——

Mathew Buckley, sworn, says that He has a particular ~~remembrance~~ recollection that Isaac Friot was present in his House at the reading of the Memorial No. 9. now shewn to him, and that he took particular notice of Friot's Presence because from Circumstances it was generally thought He would not sign it as He was so well acquainted with the Store

Alexander White Esquire. Exhibits a Complaint against the Revd. John Doty for that He with Violence and Force accompanied by a Number of People ~~broke~~ open the Complainants Garden Gate and entered his Close where notwithstanding the Complainants Opposition He with the assistance of his Party cut down a Maypole which had been put up in the preceding Night by the Loyalists who had accompanied the Complainant from Nr. York

Don the 1st May last.

John Smith (a Loyalist, Constable) Sworn. Says: That abt. 11 o'Clock Tuesday 1st May last, Mr Doty sent for him as a Constable and sent him to tell Mr White that He (Mr D.) wished to speak with him, that He delivered Mr Doty's Compliments to Mr White begging to speak with him. Mr. Doty orderd him to be puntual in relating Mr. Whites Answer. He reported Mr Whites Answer that if Mr Doty wanted him He might come to him. That Mr. Doty then gave him a written Summons for Mr. White directing him in case of Whites absence to leave a Copy of the Summons at his House. He delivered a Copy of the Summons to Mr White at her house and Mr White instantly appearing said tell him that I am not ready, I will come when I am ready. — Mr. Doty on receiving this Answer enquired of Depon! if he could cut down that Pole, meaning the May pole sat up in Mr Whites Garden! to which He replied He could with a good Axe — Whereupon

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whereupon Mr. Doby putting on his Hat said then Gen
along with me Tory - on going out of the Door
asked Mr Doby where he should find an Axe, that
Doby pointing to one laying by his Door said Tak
that - He took the Axe and accompanied Mr Doby
Mr White's Garden Gate. Mr Doby raised the Latch of the
Gate which stuck at the bottom and Mr Doby fo
it open with his Foot - That they entered the Garden
and Mr Doby pointing to the Pole bad him cut it do
which He attempted and would have done in
few more Strokes of his Axe had not Mr White app
with his Wife who placed herself against the Pole
Mr White wrested the Axe out of Deponents Hands, th
Mr Doby recovered the Axe from Mr White, but the
Crowd gathering about the Pole and Garden Mr
Doby sent Dept. for a File of Men // and gave
again to Deponent who raised ~~it to stre~~ the Ax
but did not strike a Stroke with it as Mr
White had by this time armed ~~with~~ himself w
a Blunderbus and threatned to blow out Dept.
Brains if He struck again with his Axe - Thu
then Mr. Doby ordered Dept. to go to Capt. Abbot
a File of Men, which Capt. Abbot granted a
the File of Men ~~who~~ accompanied Dept. to th
Garden of Mr White, where ~~the~~ of the Soldiers by
Dept.s order secured the Blunderbus Mr White
saying He should make no resistance against
Authority and delivering it up without Strugg

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That Mr Doty then commanded Dept to proceed in cutting down the Pole which He effected in a few strokes and flung it into the Street just asking Mr White what He should do with it but receiving no precise answer. ——

X 2. ~~Says~~ Mr. Doty - Says that He cannot say if the Gate was broken in opening ~~say~~ Mr Doty - ——

That Mr Doty was accompanied only by Dept. Mr. Jones and Mr Wilson ——

That they were not armed — That Mr Doty desired Mrs Jones and Mr Wilson to note particularly what should passed ——

That He heard Major le Moyne say if it was his Care He would make both Dept and Mr Doty look through the Grate of Montreal Goal —

Cannot say if Mr White threatened to split Mr Dotys Head but that very high Words passed - from Mr White ——

That Mr White said He would reclaim his Gun to martial Authority ——

That to the best of his beleif Mr White asked the Corporal of the file - by what Authority He came

That the Corporal seizing the Blunderbuss said He would shew him by what Authority —

X 2. By Mr White - Says. That when Mr. Doty and He went into the Garden all was quiet, there was no appearance of a Riot or Croud. ——

Cannot say who came out of Mr Whites House when they attempted to cut the Pole down.

Mr Henry Le Moyne Ensign 66th Regt.

Swoon Says. that between 223 o'clock of the First May last He saw Mr Doby walk towards the Garden of Mr White and putting his foot against the Gate went through it without appearing to stop - that the upright Bar to which the latch was fixed was broke just above the mark of Mr Doby foot, where there was a knot in the Wood. that Mr Smith the Constable entered the garden with Mr Doby and cut 3 or 4 strokes with his axe at the Pole before Mr White appeared - that Mr White stoop down and wrested the axe from Smith as it stu in the Wood - that Mr Doby approached Mess. Wh and Smith and took hold of the axe, Dept. ~~being~~ the entering ~~in~~ the garden. Dept. himself took it hold of ~~from them~~ ~~both~~ all and desiring Mr White to let Mr Doby ha it, and He let it go. in Mr Dobys ~~put it into his, Mr D~~ Hands, that then Sm left the Garden and in abt. five Minutes returned with 3 Artillery Soldiers Armed - When Capt White saw the Soldiers He said He would Deliver up his Bla bus to those Men and the Corporal stepping forward He gave it to him - then Mr Doby desired Smith to cut down the pole which He di accordingly and Mr Doby and Smith immediat retired to Mr Dobys - As soon as they were gone the Pole was raised again by the Royalists who came to Sorel under the Command of Capt. White. - And when the Pole was raised the Men gave three Cheers! -

That there was not a Soul about the House or Garden when Mr. Doby and ~~his party~~ Smith first approached the Garden

x2. by Mr. Doby - Says He heard Mr White say he would blow out the brains of any one who should attempt to cut down the Pole ——

That Lt Roberts of the R. A. asked the Corporal by whose orders he came there ——

The Corporal answered by Captn. Abbotts -

That after the Pole was raised again the People who raised it fired 3 rounds of 2 fusils at the Pole ——

John Le Moyne Major Royal Regt. Artillery

Sworn says, That there was no Riot or Assembly of People about the Pole on the 1st May when Mr Doby and the Constable entered the Garden of Mr White - That He lives next door to Mr. White, had seen no Crowd about Mr Whites House that Morning but that ~~Major~~ Capt. Abbot told Dept. that Mr Doby had applied to him for a file of Men to cut down the May pole, and immediately afterwards about 3 o'clock, Mr. Doby and Smith appeared approaching Mr Whites Garden - that He saw Mr. Doby and the Constable enter the Garden, soon after some one ~~came into his House to~~ call'd out Lt Roberts, whereupon fearing some Difficulty might arise He went out himself and saw Smith cutting the Pole, that then Dept. said to Mr White that He should defend his property and ~~observed~~ said that if the May pole was in

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his Garden He would blow out any Mans Brains who should attempt to cut it down — Mrs Le Moyne calling Dept. into his House, Smith the Contable came ~~in~~ to the door enquiring for Capt. Abbot and went on again to look for him — Thus Dept. seeing soon afterwards some Artillery Soldiers about the Place advised Lt Robert to enquire by whose orders they were, and heard the Corporal reply by Capt Abbotts —

X 2. by Mr Doty — Says that He heard Mr White say He would blow out any Persons Brains who should cut the Pole down —

Saw Mr White level the Blunderbuss but cannot say at whom —

Heard some mention made of orders being in writing but cannot say by whom —

Felix Meyers, Sworn before, Says that He is a Loyalist and was under the Command of Captain White, that when the Militia ordre was published ~~they~~ he understood and expected that they were to under the Command of Capt White and on the last of April it was proposed among the Loyalists to set up a Maypole in Capt. White Garden ~~on~~ the first of May according to the Custom of ~~the Country~~, Capt. White seemed up it that however that himself Hawes, William

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Forrester all Loyalists put up the Pole on the morning of the 1st May before daylight ~~night of the 30 April~~ in Capt. Whites Garden —

That He was in Capt. Whites House on the 1st May when Smith the Constable came from Mr Doby the first time and said Mr D. wanted to speak with him, and Capt. White said He was not ready just then, but cannot say if Capt. White said he would wait upon him when He was ready — That soon afterwards Smith returned with an order and Mr White pulled off his Coat to wash himself and told Smith that He would be with Mr D. directly — That Mrs White urged him to go and cautioned him to keep his Temper — When Mr White was just ready to go. He saw Mr Doby come with Smith, kick open the Gate and enter the Garden and Smith set to work to cut down the Pole — That after it was cut down, He with Rogers, Bull, & Bush all Loyalist. pricked it up and set it up again — Says that the Garden Gate was nailed below and a nail put into a Hole above the Latch to keep it down — That He saw Mr. Doby break the Gate with his foot.

X Quest.nd By Mr Doby — Says they put up the Pole ~~in the~~ before day because it is customary in Germany where He came from —

That on Smiths coming the second time with the Summons Mr White gave no other answer that this he was going to wash himself and would come directly —

~~12~~ by White
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That there was no Riot or Disturbance before the Pole was cut down —

Ignace Comoyer. Capitaine des Milicies sworn Says. That it is the Custom of the Country to erect May poles on the 1st May and to fire at them when they do erect them —

That the Custom is to put up May Poles before the Doors of the officers of Militia — and before the Doors of the Seigneurs — That it is not customary for other People to put them up. —

That in an Instance where a Serjeant of his Company put up a May pole before his Door on the high Road, the Militia Men of the Company pulled it down, the Serj.t confined those who pulled it down but they were released by Col.s Zeyer on Deponents application —

~~That if the any Man of his Company had planted a May pole within his own Enclosure he thinks himself authorised to have sent a party to pull it down~~

That Mr. Doty sent him an order in writing on the 1st May to attend at Bipels House in Soul on the following day with a Serj.t and two Men armed. — That He did attend as ordered and there received an order in writing sign

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Barry St Leger and John Doby to take away the May-Pole planted before the House of Mr. White - that in obedience to the order He went to Mr White's Garden, that the Soldiers of the Guard open'd the Gate and his Militia Men removed the Pole to the Guard House or that Part of the Town.

William Rogers - sworn before, Says, that having some business in Soul the 1st May last, He saw a May Pole at Mr White's, and went over there with one of his Neighbours that whilst He was there Mr Doby and Smith the Constable came up to the Garden - Mr Doby kicked upon the Gate and ordered Smith to cut down the Pole, that Smith began to cut & Mr White came out of the House and opposed him, that he returned to the House and brought out a Blunderbuss and told them not to touch the pole - that Mr Doby sent for a File of Men and when they arrived, Mr White submitted and gave up the Blunderbuss and Mr Doby ordered Smith to proceed to cut down the pole which He did —

Soon after it was cut Dept. with Bull, Meyers, and He does not recollect the other & erected the Pole again -

2. by Mr Doby says that He Did not hear Mr White threaten to split any ones Brains out —

Did not hear White threaten to blow out the brains of any person nor see him present the Blunderbuss to any one

Does not remember that Mr White said He wd not deliver the Piece to Mr Doty

+ 2. by White Says

That there was no Riot or Disturbance before the pole was cut down

George Haws (Swon before) Says – that there came a paper from Quebec about enrolling the Militia that seeing that ord^ce He observed to some of the Loyalists that they ought not to be ~~enrolled by~~ enrolled under a French Capt and as Tuesday ~~is~~ the first of May proposed to raise a May pole to Capt White as the Head of the Company then He spoke to Capt White of it who forbad it but Deponent said they would and in the Evens of 30 Apl. they went out to cut a Pole and raised it between 12 & 1 o'clock 3 1s May with any disturbance nor did he expect any Dept. went to Pot an because directly – that his Daughter coming from Town on the Tuesday told him that Mr Doty had cut the Pole down whereupon He went to Sorel and found the Pole planted again and was one of those who fired at it ~~and~~ gave three Cheers crying God Save the King

+ 2. by Mr Doty – Says they did not fire ~~by~~ at the first time because they were peaceable and wished for peace, that ~~the~~ fired the second time because he was rejoined to see the Pole ~~was in forwarded ground~~ raised again

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Mr Robert Jones brot forwards by Mr Doty. Sworn before Says that He was present on the 1st May & Saw Mr Doty with Smith the Constable go to Mr Whites Garden, ~~lift~~ put his Hand to the Latch and push the Door open with his foot, that He ordered Smith to cut down the May Pole planted in the Garden, that Smith had struck 3 Strokes with his Axe when C. White came from the back of his House and swore He would split the Brains of Smith Mr Doty as any person who should ~~cut down~~ orders the Pole to be — that Major Le Moyne came up to the Garden and asked White if He would let his property be destroyed whereupon White went into the House and ~~bot~~ brought out his Blunderbuss and swore He wd blow out any one Brains who shd cut down the Pole and presented the ~~B. B.~~ Blunder Buss twice at Mr Doty who warded it off with his hand — Mr D then sent Smith for a File of Men and took Mr White into Custody — until the Pole was cut down —

* 2. by Mr D. Says. He thought the ~~B. B.~~ Blunderbuss was cocked as Mr White held one of his fingers on the Trigger —

That on the Arrival of the Guard Mr White said He would deliver his Arms to them but not to Mr Doty. —

Does not remember that Major Le Moyne encouraged ~~Mr~~ White to split Mr Dotys Brains out —

That He heard some one said the Corporal of the Guard be cautious that He had his orders in writing — cannot say who said it —

He heard Major de Moyne say pointing to Mr. Doty. I hope to see the Parson & Smith looking through Montreal Prison

That Mr Doty appeared to be quite calm —

He heard Mr White say that it was no Summons Mr Doty sent to him — that He could write a better one himself

X 2. by Mr White —

Does not know if the B.R. was loaded —

Saw no Horror heard any Noise in the Garden before the Attempt to cut down the Pole

Edward Abbot Esqr. Capt. T. R. A. Sworn, Says,

That Mr. Smith the Constable came to him from Mr Doty as a Magistrate with a Verbal requisition of military Aid which as the commanding officer ~~(thinking there was some disturbance about the May pole)~~ he immediately granted. —

he cannot say when. —

X 2. by Mr White —

That He received only one requisition from Mr Doty at that time for military Aid, that it was granted immediately. — that He saw no part of the disturbance about the May pole —

Adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow —

Recd Memorial of Sam: Buck

Mr. John Wilson, Store Keeper / sworn before Says
That at the request of Mr Doby he went on the 1st May to Mr.
Whites Garden Fence where he remained without while
Mr Doby and the Constable went in to the Garden & Mr. Doby
ordered the Constable to cut down a Maypole erected
in the Garden close by the Fence, that the Constable
struck three strokes with his Axe, when Captn. White appeared
and seized the Axe swearing by the blessed Jesus that
he would split the Brains of Smith Doby or any other
who should cut down or order to be cut down the
Pole. Mr. Doby then seized on the Axe and the three
struggled untill some People came out of the House
and approached them. Major Le Moigne came up
from his own House and asked Captn. White if he would
see his property destroyed, then Captn. White enter the House
and returned in abt a 1/2 minute with a R. R. and swore
he would blow out the Brains of any person who would
cut or order to be cut down the Pole. Mr. Doby then
ordered Smith the Constable to bring a file of Men. Soon after
say 5 minutes he returned with a file of Men who entered the
Garden and Mr Doby ordered the Men to take Mr White in
Custody untill the Pole was cut down. The leader of
the file or party demanded the R. R. of White which He
delivered up and the Pole was cut down by the Constable.
That going to the Garden before they got there Mr.
Doby seeing Captn. Abbott standing at Majr. Le Moines
House asked him if He could have a party of Men
if he should need of them. That Captn. Abbot did
answer but cannot say what He answered —
That this was about 2 o'clock

2. by Mr. Doby.
Saw no appearance of Violence in Mr Doby as
they approached the Garden

That Mr Doby was accompanied only by Dept. Smith & Wm Rt Jones — saw Mr Doby put his foot to the Gate ~~but~~ cannot say if he broke it —

That Majr Le Moyne appeared to incite Mr White to ~~commit some~~ ~~Cut of Violence~~ viz to split the Brains of some one and if say if White would not do it He would do it himself, and attempted to get over the fence but was withheld by Mrs Le Moyne and Lt Roberts —

That He saw Mr White present his Blunderbuss twice at Mr Doby and threaten with baths to blow out his Brains —

Cannot say if the B. B. was cocked or loaded

Heard some body ask the Corporal of the Guard by whose order he came but cannot say who asked it. & heard the Corporal cautioned by some body to be careful that He had his orders in writing — believes it was Mr Roberts or Mr Le Moyne

That Mr Doby appeared to reason with Capt. White while Smith was gone for the Guard but during the whole Fray appeared to keep his Temper —

That He was present at Mr Dobys when Smith returned Mr White's Answer that He was not then at ~~his~~ leisure but would come when he was — or something to that purpose —

+ 2. by A White — Says that He was at home when Mr Doby sent for him on the 1st May — and when He arrived at Mr Dobys — Mr D. — said to him I expect a Person here presently and wish you to be present at a few Questions I shall ask and his Answers — Speaking of Mr White

~~2. by Mr. Doby~~

Mr Robert Irvine - sworn before, says that He was present when ~~Mr White~~ Mr Smith returned Mr Whites answer that He would come when He was at leisure ——

2. by the Board — There was no other Message from White after they came there until they left Mr Dobys Name to go to the Garden ——

That going to the Garden Mr Doby asked Capt Abbot for some Men as He supposed He would have use for them. That Capt Abbot [illegible] [illegible] say what ——

by Capt. White —

Did not hear Mr White swear by the blessed Jesus — but heard him swear several baths ——

By Mr Doby. That when sent for by Mr Doby he told him He wished him to be present at the Questions He [illegible] put to a Gent. He expected — meaning Capt White —

William Roberts - Lieutenant R. Artillery —

Sworn says - That He was present at Maj. Le Moynes on the 1st May last, before Mr Doby and the Constable went into Mr Whites Garden when Capt. Abbot tapped at the Window and thinks Capt. Abbot said that Mr Doby had applied to him for a file of Men —

That perceiving Major Le Moyne growing warm and encouraging Mr White to protect his Property He took hold of him and drew him into his House Heard Maj. Le Moyne say Mr Doby ought to be sent to Montreal Goal —

+2. by Mr Doby

Does not recollect that Maj.r Le Moyne ~~threatened~~ to White to split Mr Dobys Brains or that he would do

asked the Corporal by whose orders he was there repeatedly. was answered by the Corporal by Capt. Abbotts —

Does not recollect that Maj.r Le Moyne told the Corporal to sure he had his orders in writing — that it was by Maj.r Lellonies desire he asked the Corporal who ordered him there —

Does not know that Mr Doby treated Maj.r Le Moyne with any disrespect —

That he saw no disturbance or assembly of People before Mr Doby and the Constable came up. thinks they intend the Garden together

That Maj.r Le Moyne said if he was White he'd make ~~Doby~~ the black coated Gent.n look thro' the Iron Bars of Montreal —

John Wily Soldier R.R.A. Sworn - Says —

that he was at Work with other soldiers on the 1.st Day between 2 & 3 of last p.m when Capt.n Abbott came up and told him as the oldest Soldier to take two Men with him and their Guns to assist Mr Doby at Capt.n Whites and to obey his orders — that they instantly ~~seized his~~ took their Guns, went round to Mr Whites Garden where they saw Mr White with a B.R.. that Dep.t asked Mr W. for the B.R. who delivered it saying he would give it to Nobody but him as he knew military Discipline — Dep.t told the Men to take

~~by Mr Dobys order~~

Care of Mr White while the Pole was cutting down & as soon as that was done gave back the B.R. to Mr White

That Mr Roberts asked him by whose orders he came these replied by Cap Abbott —

That on his terminal in the Garden he told Mr Doby he was sent by Capt Abbot to obey his orders, that Mr Doby told him to take Mr White into Custody and take his Blunderbuss from him ——

by C White That he received his orders from Captn Abbot before Mr Smith the Constable came to him ——

John Richardson, Servant to Mr Jones, Sworn says that Mr Jr Le Mayne during the frey about the Maypole on the 1st May last ran out of his House up to Mr White Garden Fence and called out Knock the Rascals Brains out or Ill come in myself and do it as any other Rascals like him

That Mr Le Mayne & Lt Roberts instantly took hold of him and drew him back. ——

Mr Doby in Answer to the Complaint of Mr White says that what he did on the 1st May, He respecting the Maypole set up in Mr White's Garden He did in his Capacity of a Magistrate — That the general Conduct of Mr White led him to suppose that the Erection of that Maypole tended to a Breach of the Peace and in such Supposition He interposed the Authority of the Magistrate. ——

+ 46 Mr. Jacob Dyes — Sworn before / Says that on the occasion of Distributing the Tools &c to Loyalists He ~~Mr. Doty~~ was one of the Trustees for that Distribution ~~sent him to Mr White~~ to notify Mr. White that at 11 o'clock the same day the Distribution would be made. — That Mr White said that He would allow no such Roguery and would soon then that it was himself had the Settlement of the ~~Seigneurs~~ Place —

Francis Noyle. Sworn before Says. That In Conversation Mr White had said to him that He had the Recommendation of the Settlers for this Seigneury, ~~that~~ there were many put in by Capt Barnes and others ~~which~~ that belonged to other Corps who ought not to be settled here and He would see to get them out of this place — That after some dispute between Mr He particularly told Deponent that notwithstanding ~~your~~ his testificate He should never have a Deed for Land ~~for~~ in this Place —

Mr. John Jones Barrack Master — Sworn, Says. That He does not recollect to have heard Mr White Patt or Smith say that Dotys Vagabond Party should have neither Deeds nor Town Lots nor any other government allowance ~~in Sorel~~.

George Hawes. Sworn before — Says That He never heard Mr White declare that Mr Dotys Party should have no Town Lots in Sorel —

Telis Meyes - Sworn before Says the He never heard Mr White say that Mr Dotys Party should never have a Town Lot in Sorel.

Philip Cook Sworn before - Says that He has heard a vague report ~~the~~ thinks from his Mother that Capt White should have said that those who refused to sign his Memorial should not have Town Lots in Sorel -

Rosina Cook - Sworn. Says.

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Thursday 21st June.

Mr. John Smith Constable — Sworn before says. That at a Special Sessions of the Justices of the Peace held at force 2 May 1787 he received a Warrant from Mr. Doby and Genl. St Leger to take the body of Alexander White Esquire and bring it before the Sessions the same day — that he gave it up to Mr. Doby on his Demand. That the Warrant contained no specific Charge

William Roberts Lt R.R.C. Sworn before says That He saw on the 2d May last, Mr. Doby, Genl. St Leger, & Captn. Abbot come up with the Artillery Guard and Militia party — that 2 & 3 of the soldiers & Militia forced the Gate of Mr. Whites Garden and carried away the May pole —

John Le Moyne Esquire Major R.R.C. Sworn before says. That He saw Mr. Doby. Genl. St Leger & Captn. Abbot come across the Green ~~with~~ carried a Party of Artillery and Militia armed — that ~~the three first stopped short of Mr. Whites Garden~~, and the Soldiers with the Constable Mr. came up to the Gate and Paused whereupon Genl St Leger cried out Do your Duty break open the Gate and take away the Pole upon which they broke open the Gate, took away the May pole. Thinks the Constable Smith went into the Gate with the Soldiers

Samuel Hunberston late 2d Lieut. in the N.Y.k Regt.
Commanded by Genl James Robertson

Swears that He was a Loyalist who came into this province from N.York in the first Fleet - that he was victualed at Sorel among the Loyalists, that He is a potter by trade and finding that He could do something at Long point or Pt. au tremble begd ~~leave~~ of Mr Barnes ~~to~~ Batteau ~~of~~ carry him and his family up which Mr Barnes readily granted - ~~That so soon~~ That while He remained at ~~Pt au Tremble~~ Long Point He drew his provisions at Montreal - That when the Lots were laid out at Pot au beare He applied for one and was promised one by C. Barnes twice. - That Captn Barnes particularly promised him John Klucks Lot surrendered as an Invalid, that 8 days afterwards He applied again to C. Barnes who had given up that Lot to Sea - That in ~~Nov~~ April 1785 He came to Sorel from Berthier ~~to~~ receive 8 Months provisions which He had regularly received to that time, that pressing Captain Barnes about a Lot, He told him that there was none for him, He had no right at Sorel and if he wanted one He might go to Cataraguy - That ~~your~~ He remonstrated to Capt. Barnes that He preferred Sorel as a settled Country on

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account of his Trade by which alone He could get a livelihood. That Capt.n Barnes told him he was troublesome and should have no more provisions and from that time He drew none untill the 1st Nov.r 6 Mont. and some days, when He was put upon the provision List again — ~~after writing~~ That Capt Barnes refused also to give him any Clothing ~~or~~ Tools or Utensils

Capt.n Barnes — says He had probably good reasons for refusing him every thing

John Lees — Potter — Sworn — Says that He was an associated Royalist came from N. York with Humberston and has remained with him ever since — That C. Barnes refused him Lands, Lot, Clothing Tools &c. — That He received Provisions for a Mile but was cut off for 6 Month at the same time that Humberston was —

Humberston again — That Dillenbachs and Cramers families both at Berthier at the same period Humberstons provisions were stopped — That they drew theirs during that period except for a bout a Month which stoppage was afterwards made up but this 6 months stoppage was never made up

up to them —

Patrick Smith Esqr. Sworn — in Support of Whites Memorial —

Says that ~~Mr Smith~~ He was absent for 6 months at Saint Johns with his Brother where He went expressly to save his provisions for his family whom He expected in — That his provisions were stopped during that absence ~~by order~~ of and Capt. Barnes told him it was by a general order that no back rations were made up to absentees — Says that in signing the Memorial No. 9. He had no Intention to complain of the Officers of Government in any shape — ~~[illegible]~~ having no right to complain as every thing wrong was always redressed when complained of —

That sole Inducement to sign that Memorial was Mr Doby's indifferent Treatment of him — ~~[illegible]~~ Being called to explain that Treatment — He declares upon oath, that He was upon good Terms on Mr Dobys Arrival at Sorel with all the Settlers, that He was forward in ~~raising~~ building the Church being the first Person in Sorel who subscribed to it — That Mr Doby

Doby interfered as he thinks without Cause in a dispute between him and Captain Nagle respecting some Expression of Mr. Leanon contemptuous of the Settlers at Sore that this Interference was pointed and ~~exasperate~~ served to exasperate instead of conciliating the parties, that ~~Mr.~~ a breach being thus commenced between Mr Doby and himself, He absented himself from the Church and avoided the Conversation and presence of Mr Doby. that on application by John Klunk to be his Surety for keeping the peace He told Klunk that He would enter into recognizance for that purpose before any other ~~Pa~~ Magistrate but that He would not go before Mr Doby to do it — which being communicated to Mr Doby He wrote him the letter No.

Christopher Quinn — Sworn says — that when Mr Smith was absent He had the Care of sitting with Smiths Children in his pew at Church that one Sunday the Children went in before Mr Doby — Quinn followed him the Children entd. the pew — Mr Doby took them out by the arms and seated them on by the Steps of the Altar — saying that Pew was not made for Children.

2. by Mr Doty - Says
That Mr Doty had not been in the Desk when Mr Doty put ~~out~~ of the Children out of the Pew —

Rand. Mr Doty Says that the Children having been very noisy at Church while concealed in the Pew he had ordered them to sit on the Steps of the Altar where they might be seen by the whole Congregation —

Many. Sprinter aged 13 Yrs
~~Mrs Jane~~ Crozier — I won Says the Person the nature of an oath that being invited by Mrs Le Moyne to sit in the ~~[illegible]~~ her pew at Church as soon as she got in it Mr Doty called out loud Miss Polly ~~my dear~~ you must leave that Pew, you've ~~[illegible]~~ no business there — that being told again by Mrs Le Moyne to sit in the same Pew the next Sunday she went towards but the Sexton took her by the Arm and forcibly prevented her from going — that when Mr Doty called to her to leave the Pew, there was nobody in it —
Mr Doty says on his oath the words He used Were Polly my dear you cannot sit there.
& that on the 26 Decr. 1785 ~~you~~ He sent a note to Mrs Crozier to offer to provide a Seat for her. —

on Mr Clucks Complaint

Frederic Williams — a Loyalist — Sworn before — Says Andrew Forrester Susan Says that Mr Doby promised Mr Cluck He would endeavour to get his Promissory for him if he would leave the Barrack he then occupied —

Mr Doby acknowledges his refusal to take his Complaint on both the first day and that He did examine the Complaint on both of Mr Susanna a Abraham Barber the next day and bound all the parties to keep the Peace

Mr Barnes for Mr Fearon Says that what Mr Fearon did was by his orders — That the last time Kluck was orderd out of the Barrack was by order of the Govr —

~~Mr Delaney to shew the troublesome and unaccommodating of Jno Kluck produces his orders to divers Invalids to bury the Corpse of an Invalid Felo de se~~

~~Complaint by Mr Lewd John Doby of~~

No ~~John Kluck — Produces a Note from John Kluck fixed up at the Church Door~~

Adjourned to tomorrow 8 o'Clock

Mr Doby begs to observe that his Interference between Mr Fearon and Captn Hoyle proceeded from a neighbourly wish to make peace and vindicate an Honest Man and that He had no wish by such Interference to give offence to Mr Smith

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Minutes of a
Board of Enquiry
1787

Fol: 1. to 53 —

Tuesday 26th June 1787.

Thos Chas Hyslop Scott — Sworn Says

That on Thursday the 12 betr last ~~Dept~~ Witness called on Capt White and Mrs White after some Compts had passed Cried out Oh Mr Scott what a notorious Villain that Mr St Leger is — Deponent Answered He was not surprised as any Villainy of Mr St Leger and demand what new Species of Wickedness He had been about — Mrs White replied that last Evening Mr Robe of R. A. & Ensign H. Le Mayne were walking with Mr St Leger in Sarel when Mr Robe enquired what could possibly induce the Woman to attempt so abrasious a Crime as to assassinate the King — that Mr St Leger replied instantly, "because He has made that fellow, meaning ~~Lord Dorchester~~ Sr Guy Carleton a Lord who never was a Gentleman — at that Junction of time Mrs Le Mayne was coming towards Capt White upon which Mr Le White said there Mrs Le Mayne the will tell you all the particulars — on Mrs Le Maynes Entry ~~Dept~~ Witness soon after observed Mr St Leger is a sweet Magistrate and Mrs Le Maynes said He is a very wicked Lord for he told Mr Robe and my Thurry last night that the Reason why the Woman had attempted to assassinate the King was that for making that Fellow Sr Guy Carleton a Lord who never was a Gentn. [That Mr Robe was exceedingly degrated at the wicked Expression and could scarcely eat his Supper. That Dept enquired what made him so dejected — the answered, because my Lord has particularly patronised his Brother who is come out to write in the Secy Office ——

That on Saturday the 14 bet.r last Dep.t called again on Capt.n Whites House and found there Mrs Le Moyne Mr Mosely Mr Hawes and Mr & Mrs White sitting in the North Room — after some general Conversation Mrs Le Moyne repeated several times with a little Variation of the Words but to the same purport — that Mr St Leger had said speaking of the Woman's Attempt to assassinate the King — What was it for? for making a Fellow a Land that never was a Gentleman! — That on the 15th bet.r last Dep.t wrote to Gen.l Hope the letter Copy of which Marked A. and forwarded it by post — on Saturday the 21 bet.r 1786. passing by Lt Robes Lodging, He called Dep.t in and told him with much Agitation, that He had done him an Injury — that Dep.t replied Believe me, Sir, that I never injured any Person by Word or Deed ~~[illegible]~~ action or thought ~~[illegible]~~ and ~~if I have hurt you I am~~ never injured you — He replied. Sir — you have used my Name to Gen Hope! that Dep.t answered — I did use your Name to Gen Hope, but did not give you for the author Mr R. ~~I have been~~ injured before Mr Dob and swore that the Words Mr St Leger used were the words ~~I have [illegible]~~ I have taken in Writing "None except making a Land of a Man who never was a Gent.n — At this time Mrs Le Moyne entered Mr Robes Room and Cryes out Oh Mr Scott I did not take you to be such a Man, you have ruined poor Robe and his, and my Harry shall only swear what Mr Robe has

has sworn to, and I believe you to be exactly what
Mr St Leger and Capt Burne say you are. Dept. thanked
Mr Le Marque for her good opinion, and was particularly
thankful to those two other vicains Defamers.
and I hoped with the blessing of God that upon his Ldshyrs
Arrival as soon as public affairs are a little
settled, Mr St Leger and Mr Burnes will unsay what
they have said of him as I was particularly recommended to him by the late Bn of Lord & Dr Duckworth
on Sunday 22 Octr 1787 Dept. received the letter mark
B from Mr Robe after he had been some hours
with Mr St Leger — that you answered Lt Robes
note as ~~in Paper~~ subjoined to the letter —
that on the 21st Dept. wrote to Genl Hope — as follows

Sir/ I should not have taken the liberty of writing to
you at present had not a recent circumstance
made it necessary for me to make some further
remarks relative to my Disappointment of Mr St Leger
whose artful subtleties & finesse may easily impose
on the understandings of those who are strangers to him.
but upon a Cure Examination of his assertions they will
find them the barest drop — in passing Lt Robes lodging
this day he called me in and after the Compliments
of the day were passed He told me with much agitation
that He had sworn before Mr Doby that the words Mr St Leger
had made use of were as follows which He gave me in
writing — the preamble and finishing part is of no Con
sequence, none except making a Lord of a man who
never was a gentleman — I do assure you Honor it
was not Lt Robe who gave me the Information and of
Consequence

it does not affect my Charge in the least, however mutilated the Deposition may be which me sent to you by Mr Hayes and his Creatures as I shall explain immediately to your Honor and if your Honor has the least Doubt of my Veracity I shall send you 4 Depositions Word for Word as I have given the Charge as I have myself - the word except is a preposition derived from the ~~word~~ Verb and it is upon that very word that I will prove that Mr Hayes was guilty of the heinous Expressions which I charge him with - to any English Reader who sees these mutilated Depositions they will of consequence see that Mr Hayes thought the Woman had good Excuse for attempting to assassinate our most gracious Sovereign because he had celebrated the Godlike Carleton a Lord whose distinguished Integrity and faithful Service to his Country richly merited a Dural Coronet and whose most trivial Actions ever had and ever will add a degree of ~~[illegible]~~ transcendent Lustre to the highest Nobility.

Beaufoured Sir as time brings truth to light
so it will convince you that it is morally impossible
for Nil supra nec infra to make me either
deceive or shake my Integrity and Duty to my
King my Governor and my Country —
I have the Honor to be Sir your Honors
most faithful yet much injured and distress
&c &c. —

John Barnes Capt. R. A. Swon —
Does not recollect the Contents of his Letter to
Mr Fearon of the 18th or 19th Octr last —

George Fearon. Lt 31st Regt, swon, says —
That he never received any orders from Capt. Barnes
to take any steps respecting the Charge made by
Mr Scott ag.t Mr St Leger, but did in a letter
mention such a Charge having been made —

Revd. John Doby — Swon, Says —
He does not at present recollect to have read any letter from
Capt. Barnes to Mr Fearon respecting Mr Scotts Charge
of Fearon ag.t ~~General~~ Mr St Leger —

William Robe Lt R. A — Swon — Says —
That He called Mr Scott into his Room on the 21 Octr last
and remembers to have shewn him a paper containing
the words He had swon before Mr Doby to be the words
spoken by Mr St Leger and give the Paper to Mr Scott
containing the Words none except the making a Lord of
a Man who never was a Gentleman — remembers
the

that the following day He wrote to Mr Scott the note mark C. and received for answer what is indorsed to on the back of it with the addition that He would receive no ~~more notes or~~ letters unless properly superscribed — That He wrote that note to Mr Scott at the request of Lt Fearon for the Satisfaction of Genl St Leger.

Henry Le Moine Ensign 66th Regt. Sworn, Says,

That ~~He heard Gen Mr St Leger say that~~ in the last fall cannot say what day being in Company with Lt Robe R. A. He overtook Bt St Leger Esquire in Sorel and the Conversation turning upon the new of the Day Mr Robe mentioned the Creation of Sr Guy Carleton a Peer and the Attempt to assassinate the King by a Woman, and ~~expressed~~ said he would not account for so atrocious Attempt to which Mr St Leger said nor I either ~~unless~~ except it be for making a Lord of a Man who never was a Gentleman — to the best of his belief that these words were spoken the day that the news arrived at Sorel of Lord Dorchester being created a Peer ~~and of the Attempt to assassinate the King~~ adjourned to 8 tomorrow

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Wednesday 27th June. 1787.

Lieutenant Robe. Sworn before Says —

That Genl St Leger did not use any Means directly or indirectly to prevail upon Deponent to make a Second affidavit different from that made by him before Mr Doby —

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John Willson Store Keeper. Sworn on the Charge by Mr Scott agt Mr Barnes. Exhibited in writing D

Says that Mr Ross of St Johns spoke to him about 5 years past to subscribe for a Clergyman and that he consented to subscribe according to his ability and consented that his name should be put down for 1 Guinea per ann. for Mr Scott, but never signed the Paper now shewn to him being the Petition of Inhabitants of Sorel to Mr Scott. Mark E. That after his name was signed he repented was very sorry for it and begged Capt Rudyard to acquaint the Com[r] in Chief that he was sorry for having consented to subscribe, to it which Capt R. promised he would — That Captain Barnes never spoke to him on the Subject, That his reason for wishing his name out of the subscription was that he was informed that John David, Alexander M Kay and A Ross wished their names out altho' they had been busy in procuring the Subscriptions and he apprehended something wrong by their wishing to retract their names

X 2. by Capt Barnes —

Does not know who drew up the Address to Mr Scott praying him to officiate as a Clergyman nor did he ever read it. —

Catherine Black Sworn Says.

That the name John Black subscribed to the Paper E now shown to her is the Handwriting of her deceased Husband. — That Capt Barnes sent for Deponent and told her that he was sorry that her Husband had been

been so foolish as to subscribe such a paper meaning the address of the Inhabitants of Sorel to Mr Scott to preach) and that it was disagreeable to the Commanding Officer, or Commander in Chief cannot say which and to himself — that it was not too late to have the name scratched out and hoped it would be done as He should be sorry to turn her husband of the Ground — That Dept observed it was very Hard for the English to live here like Heathen while the french and Dutch had each a Church — That Captn Barnes ~~said~~ told her to send her Husband to him which she did on his return home — That when Genl De Reidesel as she was informed by Dr Henckle, would not allow Mr Scott to preach in the Parish Church Dept let her largest Room to him to preach and Captn Barnes ~~threatened~~ said she was in danger of to turn her off the Ground if she let her Room in that way and that she would soon make it a play House, and in Consequence of what Captn Barnes said she refused to let Mr Scott preach any more in her House —

X 2. by Captn Barnes —

~~Heard the address E signed by her Husband~~

Does not know who drew the address to Mr Scott E. does not believe that Mr Scott was present at Mr Paterson when the paper was drawn —

That She kept a public House, that Mr ~~Barnes~~ Scott was sometimes there, not frequently - unless to visit the sick Children and at Stennys &c. that when Mr Scott has supped there she never saw him intoxicated but hearty —

X 2 by Capt. Forbes for Mr St Leger —

That she nor her Husband to the best of her belief were ever applied to by Mr St Leger on any time in his behalf to withdraw his name from the subscription for Mr Scott ——

That she does not know that Genl St Leger had any concern in preventing Mr Scott from preaching —

Alexander Bisset Schoolmaster Sworn —

Says that the name Alexander Bisset subscribed to the address ~~Fo~~ ~~w~~ is his hand writing ——

Did not hear the address read but was present at Mr Pattersons when several people signed it but can not say that it was read to them — That He signed it to get Mr Scott to preach — thinks Mr Scott was not present at Pattersons when He signed it —

That Captain Barnes neither directly or indirectly did ever attempt to persuade him to withdraw his name from that paper nor did Genl St Leger —

X 2. by Capt Barnes —

Has resided at Sorel about 5 years — has seen Mr Scott intoxicated as he thought once at Pattersons —

Captn. John Barnes in answer.

Produces the order of Genl. De Beidesel dated at Sorel 7th Jany. 1782. in Conformity to which he acted respecting the Subscribers to the address inclosed with that order

William Smith Captain R. L. Sworn says.

That He came upon the Ground of Sorel in 1780. That He remembers in respect of the Subscription for Mr Scott to have ~~reprimanded~~ remonstrated with several Soldiers and others of the Artillery for subscribing to it, telling them that they ought to take from their Officers the knowledge of who was the proper Clergyman for them to attend while in Garrison but did not threaten them if they refused to withdraw their Subscriptions — that several of them expressed their regret at having signed the paper —

Once saw Mr Scott very much intoxicated on a Sunday as Dept. was coming out of Church — so much so as to be able with difficulty to keep his Legs — That He heard Captn. Barnes represent to Senjt. Gow the Impropriety of his Conduct in subscribing that address to Mr Scott without the knowledge of the Commanding Officer —

Captn. David Forbes 34 Regt. sworn

Was at Genl. St Legers at Sorel one Evening with Mr Scott but cannot say if He was sent for, when much Discourse passed between Col St Leger & Mr Scott in which to the best of his recollection Col St Leger was reprimanding Mr Scott for sevl. parts of his Conduct and expressed a Suspicion of his not being in holy orders — that at the Close of the Conversation Mr Scott requested Dept. to remember the particulars as it would not end there, to which regard

Col St Leger

observed there was no occasion for memory that he would give Mr Scott in writing every word he had said does not recollect the Col Steyer ordering Mr Scott from his Quarters but remembers that he did soon remove from them -

×2. by Captain John Barnes Says.

~~Had~~ he was never in Company with Mr Scott at Table but once at D Blakes after the Regt came to Sorel and cannot speak of his own knowledge of any Impropriety in his Conduct - ~~That~~

James Leech Sworn Says.

That he kept Tavern at Berthier from 78 to 80. that Mr Scott frequented his House and thinks he never left it Sober, often beastly drunk - when drunk he was guilty of extreme profane swearing and Abuse - that he defrauded Dept of his property - That he was President of a Weekly Club at Dept House and collected the Scott - that there is due abt 5 £ Cy by that Club which he cannot get from Mr Scott. that when Deponent demanded a settlement - Mr Scott told him that 4 or 5 Gentn had not paid their Quota, but those Gentn assured Dept that they had paid Mr Scott - that calling upon Mr Scott at his present Habitation he threatened to turn Dept out of the House and forbad him to come there again ——

That Mr Scott has indecently abused Deponents Wife with the Terms Bitch and Whore - Has had little or no knowledge ~~from~~ of Mr Scott but from hearsay since coming to Sorel -

+2 by Captn Forbes -

Says that while Mr Scott was of the Club at his House he supposed him Deputy Chaplain of the 34 Regt -

Does not recollect to have mentioned the Circumstances of Mr Scotts Drunkenness and obscenity while the 34 Regt were at Sorel —

Sarah Leech. Sworn Says. That in 1778 there was a Club at Her House called the Albion Society — That it being proposed that the Ribbon for the Badge of the Society should be of the Colour of her Garter, that Mr Scott being very drunk insisted upon taking off her Garter and put his hand up her petticoats but was prevented from taking her Garter by Dr Blake — That she withdrew and at Dr Blakes request ~~took~~ her Garter & afterward carried it ~~into~~ the Room — That the last Club Mr Scott undertook to pay the whole Scott but has paid none —

Marguerise ~~Plante~~ Wage

has lived 9 years in the ~~same~~ home that ~~with~~ Mr Scott, now miss ~~in~~ which time she has seen Mr Scott in liquor but very seldom that she never has observed his Conduct to be indecent or unbecoming a Clergyman that on the night that Mr Turner with 6 Week ago was married Mr Scott returned home intoxicated —

+ 2 by Mr Scott —

Says that during his whole residence in the Houses with her she never saw him drink a Glass of any strong liquor by himself, that when He has drunk too much it has been in Company —

That during his Stay in the Home He never to her knowledge used any indecent Wands ~~to~~ Conversation but on the Contrary has reprehended others for doing so —

Antl ~~La~~ Plante Sworn — Says —

He has lived with Mr Scott 7 years — never saw him drunk, ~~or~~ but has always observed himself

to behave well and to the best of his knowledge has conducted himself in a Manner becoming a Clergy Man ——

+ by Mr Scott

That Mr Scott never spoke to him on the Subject of this Complaint or desired him to speak favourably of his Conduct ——

That He never saw him drink a Glass of Wine or other Liquor alone but has known him entertain his friends freely ——

That Mr Scott only lodged but did not board at his House

Francois Carbyn Swan — Says

That he has heard Ant Plante say that He wished Mr Scott out of his House for that He owed him for his board a long time, but assigned no other reason for wishing Mr Scott out of his House — that Plante never complained to him of any irregularity in Mr Scott's Conduct

John Frederic Garner — a Butcher Swan Says.

that He carried ~~Mr~~ Scott from Mr Turners Barnes just about the melting of the Snow this Spring to his own Lodging at Plante about 4 of Lock in the afternoon that He was gay but not drunk ——

That Mr Scott was not helped either in or out of the Carriole —— that He did not carry ~~Mr~~ Scott back to Mrs Croziers ——

Captain Barnes. ~~Sw~~ observes to the Board that Mr Scott must prove that he is not being a Clergyman in orders, or He has no Cause of Complaint in that Character —

Mr Scott. replies that He was ordained by the Bishop of Exeter in 1774 the day of the restoration in St James's Church — London.

Treed^th Keppel Bt. of Exeter. does not know the Bishop of Londons name ——

Revd John Doby Sworn Says

Towards the end of Winter 1784, Dr Morris Sec. of Soc. pro Eos: enquired of Dept. if he had any knowledge of a Mr Scott at Sorel in Canada — Dept. said he had — Dr Morris gave Dept. 3 or 4 letters from Thos. Ch Hyslop Scott to the Bishop of London dated from Sorel — Dept. read the letters & returned them. in April following accompanied Dr Morris to take leave of the Bt. of London — His Ldp. asked if Dept knew Mr Scott a Clergyman at Sorel and wht. sent his gen Character that Dept. replied he had some knowledge of such a Person upon the Bt. insisted upon ~~the~~ hearing from Dept. what He knew of Mr Scott — that Dept endeavoured to do Justice to Mr Scotts Character, when the Bt. asked Dept. if Mr Scott was a Person of any Veracity — to which Dept. replied I will give your Lordship an Anecdote by which you may yourself judge of his Veracity — "in Fall 1778. being encamped at Sorel Mr Scott called at Dept Tent and introduced himself a Bo. Clergyman that the Conversation turning upon the fees for a funeral. Dept. observed that they were exorbitant Mr Scott replied they were so indeed but that He was bound to the Bt. of London to remit him ½ his Implicit fees which was the reason why they were

that the Bishop raised his Hands and Eyes and exclaimed
Me! I know nothing of Mr. T. C. H. Scott but the having
received two or three troublesome letters from him
and I shall under my Secretary to deserve the
very never trouble me again — and said that
the had searched the register of the Episcopal See
of London and do not find there any such name
as T. C. H. Scott and I do not believe he is a Clergyman
That Dept. observed to the Bn that Mr Scott having in
his letter read the name of Ld. T. Cavendish that
nobleman might afford him more Insight into
his Character than Dept. could do — the Bn then
said I lately saw and enquired of Ld T. C. abt.
Mr Scott and he informed him that he had
been informed that Mr Scott had been employed as D. C. of the 34 Regt.
been dismissed the Regiment and he believed
him to be a bad man but knew no more of
him —

2. by C. Burnes — says that Dr Lowth has been Bn of London
abt. 11 years. — That a Clergyman losing his Credentials
may always have a Copy for 5/—
That ordination by a Bishop out of his Diocese is always
certified in the Letters to beat the request of the Bishop
of the Diocese — as appears by Depts Letters of ordination
That if he was to lose his Credentials he should think
it incumbent on him to procure a Copy instantly, ~~and~~
That the ordination is registered in the Diocese where it is
performed —

84 ✗2. by T. C. H. Scott —

Says He knew the nature of an oath. —

adjourned to 9 o Clock —

Thursday 28th June 1787

On the Complaint of Mr Scott respecting the withholding of his Barrack Allowance &c. during the years 1778, 79, 80 & 81, while He was doing Duty with the 34th Regt — He declares himself that during those Years He did not receive Wood, Candles, or lodging Money, although he at that Period performed the Duty of Chaplain to the 34th & 53d Regt. and Artificers at Sorel without fee or Reward

Captn David Forbes — Sworn before Says —

That the upper Barracks of Sorel in 1778 were declared by the Commander in Chief for the 34th Regt. and a House allotted to each Company — one End for the Captain & one for the 2 Subalterns — the General's Company to which Mr Scott was attached was commanded by Dept. as Capt Lt — one end of the House was occupied by Dept. the other by the Ensign of the Company altho intended for the Quarters of two — that Dept. had frequently said in joke to that Ensign that Mr Scott would be put into the same room with him and the Ensign as often declared that if He was He would quit the Quarter & live in one of the Huts, but wether the Quarter was ever offered to Mr Scott by Authority He cannot say — nor does He know what Quarters the Dep. Chap. was entitled to — That Mr Wood had part of a room allowed him as

as a Subaltern but having a family his occupying other Apartments was voluntary — Believes Mr Stiles Surgeons Mate had a room to himself which ought to hold two Subalterns or two of the Staff — and where the Company had two Subalterns with them one room served them both — That Mr Stiles the Surgeons Mate was attached ~~belonged~~ to the Genl Company. Lt Wood to the Lt Coll s —

Does not recollect hearing ~~Genl~~ Coll. St Leger say that He had applied to the Comr in Chief respecting Mr Scotts lodging Money —

Captn Forbes for B. St Leger Esqr —

Q. to Mr Scott. Do you know if Lt Wood or Dr Blackie while living out of the Barracks received any lodging Money —

A. Believes not —

Q. Do you mean to proceed further before this board upon your Claim for Subsistence from the 34th Regt. A. No —

I shall entirely conform to his Excellency's pleasure in everything —

Received an Extract from the Bishop of London to Mr H. Ch. H. Scott. 22d June —

certified by Captn Mathews — Mr Scott declares that the original letter from the Bishop was sent to ~~Quebec~~ Head Quarters and never returned to him again —

a Communicant of the Church of England for above 20 years —

Mr. Mosely Complains that at the death of his Wife Mr Doty refused to permit the Sexton of the English Church to ring the Bell, dig ~~or~~ Grave or ~~[illegible]~~ invite the Neighbours to attend the funeral because Mr. Scott had been requested to perform the Service; that Mr Scott ~~that Mr Scott~~ was asked for he had attended and prayed with the Wife during her Sickness and had administered the Sacrament to her while Mr Doty had never visited them — that

Mr. Doty admits the Charge — and says that He refused the assistance of his Sexton &c. — because He believed Mr Scott to be an Imposter and not in orders —

That otherwise He has reason to consider Mr. Scott as a Man of notorious immoral Character on which Account (even if he was in orders) He would not consent to his doing any Duty in his Parish —

That a further reason why he refused this Permission on this occasion, was that he had reason to consider that the application was made with a View to introduce Mr Scott into the performance of Punish Duties —

~~That Mr. Mosely nor his Wife ever attended public Worship in his Church —~~

~~Simpson Jenne sworn says —~~

Captn Barnes.

Stephen Delancey Esqr Late Inspector of Loyalists — Sworn, says.

To a Question by Captn J. Barnes D.Q.M.G if He has any Cause of Complaint against the officers of Government whose duty it was to ~~and~~ furnish any thing to the Loyalists, either by witholding any thing from or by a partial Distribution of any thing granted them by the Government —

Ans^r. That He does not but has always found the Servants of the Crown ready to afford every assistance in their power when required by him for the relief of the Loyalists — and particularly in the transport of them to their Lands —

Bery^n Galloway Sworn Says —

Mr. Doby at the time an address was drawn up by him to complain of the Memorial sent to Lord Dorchester by Mr White and others Loyalists, sent for Witness and desired him to sign the address. That Mr Doby read it to him and Witness observed that it would be creating more Confusion of which there was already enough among the Loyalists that it was like cutting the throats of his poor fellow sufferers — That Lord Dorchester was a wise man and would see to the bottom of all the troubles and Complaints and that He wished not to have any thing to do

with party business & ~~that Mr.~~ 2 That the Memorialists were the greatest in Number That Mr. Doby said No matter - if they are say which the greatest in Number we are (or will be cannot) the greatest in power —

× 2. by Mr. Doby.

Says He refused to sign the first Memorial — That He had been abused for not signing it, by a drunken Man That on his refusal to sign the address Mr. Doby told him he approved of his executing his own Judgement & That He would not abuse him for not signing the address —

Received the Memorial of Ann Cameron and indorsed the same to be recommended —

Received the Memorial of John Henry Hausum indorsed the same —

George Fearon Lieut.t 31st Reg.t A. D. 2. M. G. Sworn, Says that He has by order of Captain Barnes delivered a piece of Linnen to Mr Patrick Smith since the year 1784 —

Friday 28th June 1787.

Daniel Doré Sworn, at request of Mr I. Jones. Says that He was sent down to Three Rivers about ~~two~~ 1½ years ago to bring up Iron for Mr Jones Mills at Shipboil that He brought up ~~of~~ a Spindle for the Grist Mill 2 Gudgeons. 2 Boxes – 1 Spindle box and some Bars of Iron – That out of the Iron He brought from Three Rivers He made 1 Horn for Grist Mill Stones 2 large Screw to strain the Saws – 4 large Hoops for the Grist Mill abt 20 Inches Diameter – a Complete Sett of Iron Work for the Bolt – 1 Saw Mill Crank abt 1-3 2 bwt. — That since the Iron Work for the Mills was complete he received from the master ~~Millar~~ Workman Thepandson from the Mills some of the 3 River Iron quite new which remained, to work up for a Carriole. —

28 June 1787. On the Charge of Mr Scott of yesterday

Major Le Moine called upon by Mr Scott and Sworn Says. That The Revd John Doby came to Sorel in Summer 1784. Does not recollect ever to have heard Mr Scott mention Mr Dobys Name. — That Mr Doby told ~~Mr~~ Dept that Ale had been affronted ~~by~~ in the French Church by the ringing of the Bell – ~~[illegible]~~ and thinks something was said about cooking the Images but cannot say what – Cannot say if Mr Doby asked for a Barrack Room to preach in or if he offered it —

Elizabeth White Sworn. Says – That some time in July about 8 days after Mr. Fearon had beat her Husband

Mr. Doby came into the House and told her he was very sorry for what had passed, that he knew nothing of the Matter before it happened ~~and~~ upon ~~deponent~~ Witness representing to him that he might have saved ~~the~~ all that uneasiness as he knew that Mr. Fearon had designed to waylay Captn. White, Mr. Doby solemnly declared that he had no knowledge of such Intention ——

That she never heard Mr Scott speak disrespectfully of Mr Doby. ——

Alexander White, Sworn, Says —

That on the trial of Mr. Fearon for an assault on him before the Quarter Session at Montreal Mr. Doby declared on oath that ~~Mr Fearon~~ he knew that Mr. Fearon was waiting for Mr White at ~~on~~ the ~~time of~~ the assault was made — That he never heard Mr. ~~Doby~~ Scott say any thing disrespectful of Mr. Doby ——

Mem. Mr. Scott putting the Question to Mr White in the following Words — "Did you, at the time, Mr. "Fearon was prosecuted at Montreal at the Dr Sessions "for waylaying and attempting to Murder you, hear "Mr. Doby say that he had a knowledge of Mr. Fearons "Intention to waylay you? —" Captn White answering yes, that Mr. ~~Fearon~~ Doby said Mr. Fearon was waiting for him — Mr Powell asked Mr White if he meant to say that Mr Fearon had been prosecuted for waylaying him with an Attempt to Murder him and cautioned him agt. a general Answer to Questions stating affirmative facts ——

Friday 29th June 1787 — 58 91 —

On the Complaint of Mr Jenne against Capt.n Corbyn, Capt.n John Barnes says that Permission was granted to Simpson Jenne and others who had a Contract for cutting Wood &c for the Garrison of Scul upon the Isle de Grace, to erect ~~little~~ Huts for themselves while employed in wood cutting but had no Idea of continueing that liberty after that period, nor did he make any promise to that Effect. —— That the Contract succeeded and Capt.n Corbyn prevented them from cutting any on the Island since the wood cutting Contract was finished, by express order of the Lt Govr. — Genl Hope ——

Capt.n Corbyn says that he acted in this business by Order of the Lt. Govr. ——

Mr Powell presents Compliments to Mr Hulebeen
is sorry for his Indisposition but hopes it will
not affect him too much to copy the inclosed
loose sheets and Letters &c. —

Ideas of a Report —

To sett forth that in Conformity to our Instructions We have looked back to the first Settlement of Sorel by its present Inhabitants the Wth Loyalists, to state what we find to have been the declared View of Govmt. and the Promises made and Prospects held up to the Loyalists in this Settlement. — That the ~~true~~ principal Cause of Complaints &c. is the Indolence and Inactive Life of these people owing to the delay of settling the Town at the same time that they were flattered with its soon taking place — That altho such means be and probably is the Principal ... and Complaints it is ... Jealousy and ... of Loyalty have been ... and, ~~has~~ have been suggested ... and Secrecy ~~pres~~ observed ... Latitude of the ... Commander in Chief to ... of this Spot and the ... In pursuing ... Captain John Barnes ... ers

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Memo. at Sorel. June 9th 1787 —

Calash hire to Varrennes —	10/
Dinner —	3/9
Calash hire to ~~Varrennes~~	4/2
Do — to St. Ours —	4/2
Do — to Sorel —	6/4
	£28.5
By Cash from Mr. De L.	4.2
	£1.4.3
To further Expense on four Journeys to & from Sorel —	4 —
To Mathew account for Board & Lodgg —	5.16.6½
	£10.14.9½
To 27 Days Attendce at one Guinea P. Diem —	31.16..
	£42:4.9½

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Minutes of a Board
of Enquiry —
1797
Fol. 61. to 91.

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Enquiry at Toile
Dr. £42.2.9½

Items of a Report —

To set forth that in Conformity to our Instructions We have looked back to the first Settlement of Sorel by its present Inhabitants the U.E. Loyalists, to state what we find to have been the ancient View of Govmt. and the Promises made and Prospects held up to the Loyalists in this Settlement. — That the principal Cause of Complaints &c. is the Indolent and Inactive life of these people owing to their delay of settling the Town at the same time that they were settled with its soon taking place — But altho such may be and probably is the Principal Cause of their Despondencies and Complaints it is by no Means the Sole Cause — Jealousy and Suspicion that the Rewards of Loyalty have been Distributed with a partial hand, has been suggested and fomented by the profound Secrecy observed as to them concerning the true latitude of the Instructions given by the Commander in Chief to the D.2. M. G. for the Settlement of this Spot and the Government of the Loyalists. — In perusing the Papers handed to us by Captain John Bannies D.2 M.G. We find such powers

Engaging at Sorel

Dr. £42-2-9½

I Do hereby Certify that John Gray Serjt in Captain Macleans Company 84th Regiment. Has Served Honestly and faithfully for the Space of Nine Years, and that he has been Serjeant for the Space of Five Years. And I do further Certify that he has behaved on all Occasions so fare as I know as became his Station. And that I will on every Occasion be ready to Render him any Service in my Power, and I do request any of My Friends to whome he may show this to do the ~~same~~ like

Given under my Hand at Carleton Island this 22nd day of June 1784

Hector McLean Lieut 84th Regt

Compared with the original
W.D.P.

May Concern

Late 84th Regt

Compared with the original
W.D.P.

Enquiry at Sorel
Dr. £42-4-9½

Copy of John
Grayo Corrector

Montreal 13th Decemb.r 1776

The bearer John Gray late Serj.t in the 84th Regim.t of Highlanders first Joned a Detachment of the Regim.t that I was upon in Cape Fear River N. Carolina Feb.ry 27th or March 1776 and behaved there as well as upon the expedition to South Carolina verry Meritorious, and when the Transport was lost near long Island S. Carolina in July following where the rest of the detachment was taken prisoners — Serj.t Gray with four or five more made their escape in the Small boat, with concurrance of the commanding Officer, least if taken with the Detachment they would run the risk of being executed by the Rebells — with regard to what his Loss might have been there or before I Cannot pretend to Say, but I Always Understood he had some Property — And I can certify that he behaved upon Several Occasions like a Gallant Soldier and during the time I was with the Regiment I Always Observed him very Attentive to his Duty — —

To all whome it May Concern

Dun.n Macdougall
Lieut 1st Batt.n
Lats 84th Reg.t

Comp.d with the original
WDR

Copy of John
Gratz Corrector

Mem.

Jonas Wood, says he was employed to cart Flour & Pork, & Butter & Peas from the King's Stores by Seig.r Penscod - say, twice, 24 Barrels each time - part was sold upon the Road to Mr Fox and the Rest conveyed to Seig.r Penscod. —

Mem. April 1736. one days Provision detained —
of the last 40 days only 28 days received —

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Requisition
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Langlois
Gouverneur
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Conscience
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ote de
ont trouve
pour la
arp.t 3/4 —
2 . . . . . .

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total . . . . . 34 3/4 . . .

La quelle Cloture a Eté Estimée par les dits arbitres a Raison de quatre Pounds par chaque arpent ce qui forme une Somme de . . . . . £ 139 . .

ont Eté mesures les fauces de Ligne et de travers

fauces de Ligne du cote de maisonville

un arpent et demi	1 arpent	1/2	10
du cote de Labadie	2	1/2	
fauces de travers dans le desert	6		

les quels ont eté esteme a raison de un Pount chaque . . . . 10 . . .

plus deux arpents de fauces dans le bois de bout Estimés a raison de Six Pounds par arpent . . . . 12 . . .

total des fraix de fauces et des Clotures . . . . . £ 161 . . .

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Province of Quebec
District of Montreal S.

Henry Horn and Phoebe his Wife of Commonwealth
in the said District

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...ne Vivaneur
...la petit Cote de St Francois
...ie Sieurs de Trat
...Enfans — à partager
...moitié de 40 Arpens
...2 1/2 vendu à
...ampagne La Lucie
...Prairies #2500
...és la Mort de Mad.lle
...y Reynolds. & Wife
...nice

...ce if possible her
...tion can be recover

42	18	
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13	5	
61	18	4

L'an mil sept cent quatre vingt cinq et le neuf du mois de May je notaire soussigné a la Requisition de Monsieur Jehu Hay Ecuyer Lieutenant Gouverneur et Surintendant du Detroit ai Requis les Sieurs François Meloche et Nicolas Langlois et de la part de Mon dit Sieur le Lieutenant Gouverneur les ai commandés de se transporter avec moi sur la terre de Mr. Cardin pour en leur ame et conscience faire Lestimation des Clotures et fauces faits par le Sieur alexis Maisonville# sur la ditte terre et ont les dits arbitres mesure la Ligne et du cote de Maisonville et du cote d'antoine Labadie et ont trouve du coté du premier dix arpents trois quarts pour la part de Cardin . . . . . 10 arp. 3/4 —

le quel a nommé de son cote les sieurs B. Fraubien et Pierre Labute

et du cote de Labadie . . . . . 12 . . . . . —

plus trois Clotures de travers savoir deux en bas de deux cotes du chemin de Roi et une au haut de la terre qui est de 4 arpents ce qui forme douse arpents de cloture 12

total . . . . . 34 3/4 . . . .

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un arpent et demi . . . . . 1 arpent 1/2

du cote de Labadie . . . . . 2 1/2 } 10

fauces de travers dans le desert 6

les quels ont eté esteme a raison de un Pount chaque . . . . . 10 . . . —

plus deux arpents de fauces dans le bois de bout Estimés a raison de six Pounds par arpent . . . . . 12 . . . —

total des fraix de fauces et des Clotures . . . . . £ 161 . . . —

Le montant des fraix des fauces et Clotures de Lautre part est de la somme de cent soixante et un Pounds £ 161 ....

mais le sieur Maisonville a Representé aux dits arbitres quen milsept sept cent soixante et treise il auroit eté obligé conjointement avec le sieur Labadie de faire les Clotures necessaires a la ditte terre et les quelles ils avoint fait sans cultiver la ditte terre. Les quelles Clotures consistoint

a Ligne de maisonville a dix arpent . . 10 ar
a Ligne de Labadie 12
une Colure de travar haut et bas de la ditte terre 8
} arpt 30 ..

les quelles estimees a raison de trois Pound par arpent forment la somme de . . . £ 90 . . . . . .

non compris Les fraix d'entretien des dittes Clotures que les dits arbitres ont Estimé a raison de Dix Shellings par chaque annee depuis la susdite annee jusque celle de Ladjudication.

Et comme les dits sieurs Maisonville et Labadie ont pour leur commodité levé les clotures de Ligne de dessus la terre de Cardin pour les metre sur leurs terres ils seront tenus de la remetre si au cas ils ne gardent la ditte terre. telles quelles seront en foi de quoi ont les dits arbitres apres le clure faite les un Signe et Les autres fait leur marque aux otevras le jour et an que de Lautre part.

Pierre la Dutes
jau ba tiste ~~beau bien~~

Fr: me Coche
sa
Nicolas Langlois
marque
Gllme Monforton

Expences on Mr
Cardins Land

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Sorel 18th June 1787.

Sir

This day Mr Thomas Charles Hyslop Scott of this Neighbourhood appeard before the Board appointed to enquire into the Causes

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Charged by Thos. Chas. Heslop Scott

For having tratoriously Defamed his Majesty and Likewise our Most Gracious Governor the Right Honble Lord Dorchester.....

allegowned to ... tomorrow

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respecting the Enquiry
at Sorel
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Mr Isaac Mosely —

Mr Frederic Williams —

11th Read the Instructions to the Loyalists assembled —

Read the Memorial 7th May 1786 — called upon Mr White and others to support Charges agt D. 2 M. G. and Usurer of Provisions &c. in that Memorial —

Enquired of Mr White if any person absent would be necessary as Evidence on any Compt by Loyalists —

Mr Lemoine to support a Charge B —

adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow

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We are Sir
Your humble Servts

Draft

Lre to B. Gen Hope

from the Board 18 June 1787

On Brr Scotts Charge

2.

Sir,

The inclosed Charge having been communicated by the Board now sitting at Sorel for Enquiring into the Complaints of the Loyalists &c. to his Excellency Lord Dorchester, ~~the Board~~ & being instructed by his Lordship to proceed in receiving such Testimony as Mr Scott may think proper to produce on that Subject; ~~and as the Board considering that the Board consider it a proper Attention it is probable your Name you are particularly affected by the Charge the Board held it incumbent upon the duty to give you this Information that you~~ may attend the Investigation if you think proper. ~~and if so upon your~~ It will probably commence on Monday the 25th Inst. at 10 o'clock before noon --

The Board think it a duty to inform you that the Investigation will commence on Monday 25 Inst. at 10 o'clock before noon that you may attend if you think proper - We are respectfully

Sir &c

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Sarel 13th June 1787.

My Lord -

This day ~~Mr Charles~~ Mr Thomas Charles Hyslop Scott to laid before the Board a Letter and Complaint in writing of which the inclosed is a Copy and which on account of its very extraordinary nature we transmit to your Lordship for your further Instructions.—

We are ~~my Lord~~

your Lordships

most obedt. Servants

Draft Lre from
the Board to Lord
Dorchester 18th June
1787

by Mr Scotts Charge —

D.

New Oswegatchie 7 Aug 1787.

Complaint by Jno. Chester for the Township ngt. Herikiah Mosher as a Rebel

~~Justus Sherwood~~

Nicolas Mosher – Constable Sworn Says. That Herikiah Mosher, his Nephew was frequently useful to Loyalists on Scouts and secret Service and particularly to himself at several times, that he Sheltered him and aided him. ~~by~~ and knows that He never was in the Rebel Service but as a militia Man on sudden Allarms

Daniel Shipman informs ~~him~~ the bound that Mr. H. Mosher lived upon White Creek was his Neighbour & did not know that he was a Loyalist. – It appears that there had been a dispute between Shipman & Mosher in the States where they both resided untill 1784 – –

Mr. Shipman requests that Mr. Lt Perrot Bay of Quinty may be enquired of on this Subject and also of John Leake –

Mr. Rice Honeywell appears by his own Confession to have served in the Continental Army ~~and~~ while a youth and to have

remained within the ~~Lines~~ American lines untill since the War. He appears by his own Account of himself and his Conduct to be a troublesome Neighbour & accustomed to Chicanee and has been guilty of some artful and knavish Transactions in the Settlem^t

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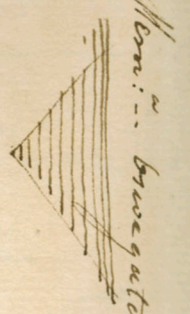
Stephen Duclou - mustered by Capt Burnes at Johnston in Septr 1785 and a Head of ~~Township~~ family in No 8 - to scan Tools provisions from Captn Anderson at Johnston -

Mathew Howard - Bob Smith.

Nicolas Mathias - 8 Township, were promised by Genl J. Sherwood to be put into the Muster of that Town for 1785, for Cloathing & Tools, but never received any of either



List of Papers respecting the Enquiry at Oswegatchie

No. 1 — Contains ten Certificates of the Loyalty of Herikiah Mosher, ~~whom we have not~~ the Board had reason to think a good Settler —

No. 2 — ~~Memorial of William Saunders~~
Certificate of Captn. Thomas Fraser that the Complainant was a Prisoner of War and drew no pay during his Confinement —

~~NB. The Board [illegible]~~

~~There appeared a~~

The Case of Price Honeywell appeared to the Board worthy the notice of His Excellency as He is possessed of a public assurance for his Land which he has considerably improved ~~and has~~ but does not deny that He bore Arms against his Majesty, and appeared on that account as well as from a Spirit of Chicanne to be very obnoxious to the Settlement —

List of Papers respecting
the Enquiry at
Cowcaddens

Papers
respecting the Engaging
at Ennet Town —

13 Augt 1787

Mr Bell the Commissary
acknowledges to be
indebted in considerable
Arrears to the Inhabitants
but there is doubt of his
Capacity to pay them
being out of Employment

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List of papers respecting the Enquiry in 3d. Township Cataraquy

No. 1 Complaint of Daniel and Richard Lloyd, without foundation as they were not entitled to any provision or Cloathing at the Period complained of — by general orders

2 Similar Complaint of Joseph Peters in similar Circumstances

3 State of Debt to Individuals by the spreeing Commissary William Bell exceeding 1500 Rations, of which we could afford no hopes to the Claimants

4 Complaint of William and John Nehr, without foundation, as no Allowance of Provisions was made to Absentees at the Period Complained of

5 Claim of Divers on the Provision Store acknowledged by Mr Bell the Commissary.

6 Claim of Cyprenus Park acknowledged by William Bell the Commissary

No. 7 State of Distribution of Plough Irons

Invoice of Sundry Clothing & Tools &c. Sent to New-Johnstown Consign'd to Capt. Samuel Anderson for the Loyalists below Cataraquie. La Chine, 28th Aug. 1785

No. 2, 10, 15, 18, 22, 26, 48, 49, 128, 178	10 Bales of Blankets Cont.g each 100	2 p.
No. 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 29	9 Bales Redymade Clothing	
No. 94, 101, 102	3 do. Stockings	
No. 2	1 Cont.g 300 Cotton Check, 102 Linnen do.	Shirts
No. 4	1 do. Cont.g 260 do. do. do.	
	38 Canvas Frocks	
No. 10, 11	2 Cases do. 200 Hatts	
No. 6	1 do. do. 120 do.	
No. 3	1 do. do. 500 Shoe Soles, 4 Setts Shoemakers Tools, 6 lb Shoemakers Thread, 10 Groce Shirt Buttons, 32 Lasts	
No. 4	1 do. do. 200 Needles, 200 Groce Horn Buttons, 20 do. Tape, 24 lb Thread	
No. 14	1 do. do. 43 Pieces Linnen, 1080 yards	
15	1 do. do. 40 do. do. 956 do.	
16	1 do. do. 40 do. do. 1008 do.	
17	1 do. do. 25 do. do. 625 do.	
	4	3669 yards

Carried Over

fixed on their report.

No Number	40 Boxes Hoes ~ Cont.d	25 each	1000
N.o 41, 68	2 d.o Axes ~ d.o	40 each	80
N.o 32	1 ~ d.o	d.o	24 Axes 19 Drawing knives
N.o 55	1 ~ d.o	d.o	38 Axes
N.o 40	1 d.o Casting		9 Hoes 11 Frows
N.o 42	1 d.o ~ d.o		8 Hoes 5 Frows
N.os 103, 104	2 d.o	d.o	17 Frows Each 34
N.o 105	1 ~ d.o ~	d.o	16 d.o
N.o 240	1 Chest Carpenters Tools		
N.o 210	1 d.o Blacksmiths Tools		
N.os 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13 =	6 Casks Grass Seed		
N.o 17	1 Keg Clover Seed		
N.o 218	1 Smiths Bellows		
N.o 213	1 Vice & Screws		
216	1 Anvil		
	20 Bundles Iron Containing 84 Bars. about		
	10 Bundles Steel about 1000 lb 1/2 Do		
	84 Iron Potts		
	60 Plough Stocks		

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Recapitulation of the foregoing Packages

Bales	24
Large Cases	9
Small Boxes	45
Chests	2
Casks	6
Kegs	1
Smiths Bellows	1
do. Anvil	1
Iron Bundles	20
Smiths Vice & Screws	1
Steel Bundles	10
Iron Potts	84
Plough Stocks	60

filed on their report

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Invoice of Sundry
Packages sent from
Montl. Recd. 1st Sept 1785

2 24 1/4

1 6 6
1 6 6
2 6
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8 4
3 7

3 1
3 1

1 4 6
0 6

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a List of acres of Land that was Drawn and Leys vacant in Township No 1 above Cataraque

Renn. away	Thomas Mare Renn away said to be Morgaged to peter Clark	500 acres
Dto	William wells	100
Dto	Joseph Geaomes	100
Dto	Nicolas Hittan	100
	Benjaman Vollintine dead	100

Men gone to the States and Not Likely to Return Being Much in dept

	Capt Teams Gale	750
	John Masure	100
	Mathew vancura	100
Not in Rpt but gone away	Benjaman vancura	100
	Front Lots No 13 & 14 vacant	400
	Total	2350 acres

If this Land Could Be settled it would give Great Ease to those allready Settled on Account of Makeing Roads and keeping them open in winter as well as the Conveancy of haveing Neighbours

fixed on their report.

List of Lots
abandoned in
Kingston

Injurious to the Settlers
on account of Roads
&c

Kingston ——— 15th August 1787.

Having on our first Arrival on the 8th Instt. Communicated to the Inhabitaints of this Settlt. the object of our Mission and having forwarded the same to the upper Townships, we appointed this day to receive the Complaints of the first Township and this day a Complaint by 8 Inhabitants was preferred against Mr.

No. 1 — Mr. Cloan — and his Assistants — in Support of which Mr. John Everitt Head of the Township Informs us that he was desired by Mr. McClean to visit the 1st & 2 Concession in Company with Captn. McGuire, Captn. Hackeman & Lt Atkinson and report the most unconcerned Road to build a bridge across the Creek — that they surveyed the Roads and reported in favor of the 1st Concession on Account of the 2d ~~& 3d~~ Concession being to low and Swampy — That all the four Persons appointed for this Survey live on the 1st Concession.

John Ferris
John Cannon
Aaron Brewer } Sworn severally declare that being summoned 1786 to pay a fine for not working at the ~~Creek~~ Bridge on the first Concession, they were not fined, but Niel McClean Esqr. promised that He would send 4 Indifferent Persons not interested to survey the 1 & 2d Concessions and that the Bridge should be fixed on their report. ——

Captn Harkeman Confirms the relation of Captn Everitt respecting the Briage and that the road in the second Concession was not so practicable ——

Briton Guinaph — Sworn. Says that Niel McClean Esquire told him and Silas Palmer that they must not improve their Lots in the third Concession as the lines were all wrong and they might lose their labour but advised the Witness to measure from the East line boundary of the Town and fix himself on the Lot which might correspond with his number drawn —

Silas Palmer, Sworn, Says that the Contents of ~~his Co~~ paper No. 14 now read to him are true ——

No. 2 Nicolas Witrel. referred to Mr Collins —

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Michael Grass Sworn - Says Mr Amos Ansley was in the Detachment which came up to the Settlements under his Care and Charge and that He kept before him and ordered Carts for the ~~Party~~ Transport of Baggage across the Carrying place without his orders; — and afterward contrary to orders went on before the Detachment and arrived three Days at Catarrugry before the other Boats which were ~~[illegible]~~ badly manned while he had 7 Men in his.

John Everitt Sworn - Says that He came up with Captn Grasses Detachment recollects some Dispute and threatening Language between Captn Grasse & Mr Ansley but

but does not recollect the particulars. That Mr. Ansleys Conduct appeared to him disorderly and mutinous upon the Mtn Route —

Daniel McGuire Sworn Says. that He was Commissary in 1784 and some Provisions were due to Mr. Ansley & a Mr. Knight that Witness being in a Boat coming down to Cataraquay & the Wind blowing hard saw another Boat going towards the Store which hailed him, but the Wind being high could not hear what was said. — That on his return in the Evening, the Woman dwelling in a house communicating with the Store told him that a Party had come for provisions and entered the Store by the upper part of the Gabel through the Dwelling house and took away provisions — Does not know if more provisions were taken by the Party than what were due to them, but from the Appearance of the Barrels suspected at the time that they had taken too much — The Party consisted of Amos Ansley, Silas Palmer, Briton Garnisph & Milton Knight that there was no Appearance of Force in entering the Store but the Woman of the house informed the witness that the Party threatened him supposed for not returning with them

on a Sunday —

Minutes

Kingston

and of which they rendered unlead at the time —

Cornwall 28th July 1787.

John Leny Sworn — Says that the words deposed to by Peter Fitzpatrick from "Now we find" to "I grind by myself and others" were to the best of his recollection & belief the very words used by Capt Donkin in addressing the People on the 9th April 1786 at St Robertsons

That he was present at the Town Meeting at Johnstown 12 June 1787 called by Capt Anderson and saw both Capt Anderson & D McNiffe standing in the Sled, and not hear D McNiffe say that he had received a letter of thanks from the Govr while D McNiffe stood in the Sled Witness never so near that he could not well speak those words to be heard by the People without the Witness hearing them. —

That to the best of his knowledge he was present at the Meeting from beginning to End and did not see D McNiffe use signs by word or Action any unbecoming behaviour among the People but on the contrary both before & at the Meeting exhorted the People to a decent and peaceable Demeanor. —

That being in Robertsons House at first Somebody proposed that the Papers should be read at the Door

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the door that the people might hear them and that Captn Anderson went to the Door and read with an audible Voice a Paper which Witness understood to be a petition & another which He thought a circular Letter granting the free Meeting of the People -

Never at any time heard Mr Nisse counsel the People to insult or mistreat the officers but on the contrary ~~always~~ often advised them to a quiet and peaceable Deportment towards the officers ——

That on Captn Anderson receiving a tre from Sr John Johnson advising a general Petition from the Settlers for free Tenures &c. ~~and told~~ He communicated the Contents to to Witness and He suspecting that the business ~~being~~ might be carried on among the officers only and knowing that in such Case the people would be uneasy and jealous, He earnestly entreated Captn Anderson as the only means of continuing Quiet in the Settlement to notify this Letter generally and take the Sense of the whole people observing at the same time that altho' there were many who Could

would

not understand the advantage afforded them yet they would be affronted to be passed by or not consulted on such occasion & that at any rate it was better to have a Day pleased and fawn than ~~displeased~~ angry and bark; and Capt. Anderson said then that He would call a gen.l Meeting but does not believe the Meeting of the people was called on that occasion nor on any other untill the receiving of a circular letter from Mr Delaney requiring it.

That from the circular letter arriving there were more frequent Meetings of the Officers at each others Houses than theretofore the ~~People~~ witness was induced to suspect some thing was going forward to the detriment of the people and this was the common report.

Vg. But thinks that if the Petitions from the Officers had been read to the People at large they would have been perfectly satisfied and the present Scalamy & Uneasiness in the Settlement would not have taken place —

2. by C. McDonn That He has heard a general report that the officers had wrote for Sergeant Tenures & that Mr McKiffe had said he

particularly

suspected Capt.n Anderson & Dunkin

By Capt.n Dunkin, never has seen in writing the words spoken at the Engaging by Capt.n Dunkin and deposed to by him but has heard them repeated by his Neighbours & by Mr McNiffe at Mr Faulkners some time this Spring —

Louis Nadeau A Cannadian — sworn. Says. He was present at the opening of the Meeting called by ~~Capt.n~~ Anderson on the 12 Jan.y and remained there as long as Capt.n Anderson — that He was in the Sled with ~~Capt.n Anderson~~ & Mr McNiffe and did not hear Mr McNiffe say that He had received a tre of thanks from the Govr. altho He stood so near him that it was not possible for the People at large to hear him say so without Witness hearing it — That He ~~saw not~~ Mr McNiffe did not by Word or Action excite the People to any disturbance but on the Cart then and at all times. recommended Peace and good order to be observed by the People — and particularly inculcated Sentiments of Loyalty to the King & Obedience to the Laws — ~~That~~ and ~~[illegible]~~ civility & Complaints to the officers — That in the Summer 1786. He heard the report of a Petition sent by the officers to request Seigneu

~~and that the Chief Officer of his Township~~
~~was~~

Capt.n Dunkin. — Sworn before Says —
that before the Memorial to L.d Dorchester
~~at~~ A was sent down He read it to
~~Joseph~~ Jacob Merkel of the 4th Township and
to several others whose names He
does not at present ~~at~~ recollect —

William Morgan. Serg.t — Sworn Says.
that He had no knowledge of the Petition
to L.d Dorchester. —

William Philips Sworn Says He never
saw the advertisement wrote by Mr.
McNiffe to caution the Setters from electing
Pensioners. — But that He heard that a
circular letter ~~requiring a pay~~ ~~and~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Meeting
of the Inhabitants and Capt.n Jno. McDonald
& Mr Everitt arriving in Town late in the
Evens. disputched Messengers to assemble
the Town the next ~~[illegible]~~ day; that the
Expedition used on this occasion alarmed
him and created a Jealousy among the
people agt. the Officers which He supposes
was the reason why the votes were
not in their favour — But that no Insult
was offered in that Town to any Officer on
the Occasion —

David Jacobs Sworn. Says the Advertisement
prot to elect Pensioners was read
by John Tupey in Wm Ansgoss Hous —

John Impey 3d Tom. Sworn Says —

That He remembers to have received a Paper very like the Paper now shewn to him Marke No 5. from Mr McNiffe which He begged him to communicate to his Township and forward up the settlement — That He read the Contents at David Jacobs and then sent it by Strain Bank & George Wart to Sifferic Casselman of the 4th Township

That He saw Mr McNiffe writing the day He received the paper from him but cannot swear that it was wrote by him — That a Vote of thanks was presented to him by Mr McNiffe and handed by him to Mr Philips, did not know the exact Contents —

William Philips Sworn before Says that John Impey delivered him the draught of a Vote of thanks to Sr Jno Johnson & Mr Delaney for procuring the Means of a free Assembly and to Mr McNiffe for his exact and faithful discharge of his duty as a Surveyor which Vote was read by Mr Everitt and passed unanimously

P. by Mr McNiffe Says that Mr Everitt declared that if Mr McNiffe had particularized him as

unfit to represent the people He would have Mr McKiffes Life or Mr McKiffe should have his. — That if the Petition to Lord Dorchester signed by the officers had been read to the People before it was sent down the People would have been happy and easy, but that not knowing the Contents of that Petition Reports were circulated among them that the Contents were to pay the Lands in Seigneurial Fermes which occasioned the Jealousy and Warmth against the officers.

+2. by McKiffe John Trupey — (again) that Mr McKiffe told him that Mr Everit was a good Man and if the People would elect an officer, He was the fittest; but if they would elect him it might give offence to the other officers & he thought it would be more prudent for the People to elect the most desirable Men among themselves —

Farquhar McDonald — (now before) says that He has a knowledge that Mr McMartin read to part of the 4th Township ~~last~~ in ~~Spring~~ 1786 a letter of thanks to the Lords of the Treasury.

Lt Joseph Anderson late R. R. Wlk Sworn Says. — that at the Meeting of 2d Township on the 12 Jan. last. Mr McKiffe stood upon a Sled and harrangued the People

people telling them that he had been a
injured and put out of Employ by the
report of the Board of Enquiry for sending
down a Petition signed by 176 of the principal
habitants but that he was reinstated
and had a letter of thanks from the Govt
that the People then shouted long life
to Mr McNiffe and Peter Fitzpatrick
cried out Damn the Thieves they call
threatened to pull the Witnesses by the hose
that Mr McNiffe then read a Paper
voting thanks to Sr J. Johnson and
Mr Delancey & to himself for his im-
partial Surveys of the Lands —

ought to be
mandered —
Jacob Impey
because some
had told him
that Witness
had called the
meeting a
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Captn Dunkin in behalf of himself
and the Corps of Officers disclaims
any motives of personal resentment
agt Mr McNiffe but attributing the
disagreement dissension of the Settlement
and alienation of the Good Will
of the Men from their late officers
to the Insinuations of Mr McNiffe
they hope Means may be adopted
to remove such persons as have
been active to produce that Dissension
as the only Means to restore Harmony
to the Settlement —

& others

+ by Mr McKiffe — Never heard Mr McKiffe speak disrespectfully of Mr Sutherland and of any other officers unless telling him that it was reported in Canada that the settlements were to be granted in Seigneuries and that he suspected Capt. ~~[illegible]~~ Anderson to have wrote a letter to advise it

D. Mackeson. Duncan Mackeson again — says that the direction he gave to Moses Williams to call upon the Inhabitants and communicate the Circumstance of the Letter to Major Holland to caution ugt. chusing Lieut. Lucy officers was at the Instigation of Mr McKiffe as they came together from Lt Sutherlands to Mr Fawkners

Lieut. Neil McClean Late 84th Regt. Sworn

No. 9 — says the Contents of Paper signed by him Marked

No. 4 are true —

No. 10 — Alexander McDonnell Farmer. Sworn says that the Contents of the Paper No. 10 now read to him are true

No. 11 — William Ferguson Farmer sworn says that the Contents of Paper No. 11 are true —

No. 12 George Barnhart Farmer sworn says that the Contents of Paper No. 12 now shewn to him are true and that he never heard it read since he signed it

That previous to ~~[illegible]~~ the Meeting ~~[illegible]~~ Mr. McNiffe told Witness that the Senior Officers of the Townships had ~~sell~~ wrote to head Quarters that the Inhabitants would wish to hold their hands under a Seigneur and that he had his Intelligence from Mr. Delaney & Sr. John Johnson —

Ranal McDonnel Ensign late R. R. N. Y. sworn — says the Contents of Paper No. 13. are true —

No. 13 —

2. by Mr. McNiffe. That being unacquainted with the duties of the Surveyor he offered 2 £ to Mr. McNiffe for the Trouble he might have in laying out his Lands. which Mr. McNiffe refused saying he was paid by the King & Mr. McDonald should have his just proportion of Lands without a fee

Lt. Jeremiah French. R. R. N. Y. sworn says the paper shewn to him signed by him ~~[illegible]~~ No. 14 ~~[illegible]~~ contains the truth —

No. 14

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Ranald McDonald — Gentlemen Sworn says the Contents of the Paper No. 15 ~~4~~ now shewn to him are true —

No. 15

~~Francis McCarty Ensign late R. R. N. Y. sworn says that the Contents of Paper e now shewn to him are true but cannot say if Peter Fitzpatrick did utter the words ascribed to him in that declaration not being in the same room.~~

Cornwall 27 July 1787 —

on the charge ag^t. Mr Niffe

Alexand^r. Mc Donald Farmer sworn before, Says that on the day of the Meeting in 2^d. Township, M^r. Mc Niffe told him that it was the general Voice of the People not to elect any of their Officers to represent them and that He had a previous knowledge of the order for the Meeting ~~at~~ while in La Chine and thought the Witness a proper Person to represent the Township No. 2

for R. Raisin — as He was independent of the Military, but that Witness declined accepting the nomination & begd Mr Mc Niffe to elect some other person fitter than himself.

2. by Mr Niffe. — Does not recollect the time of the Meeting summoned by Mr Mc Clean on the River aux Raisins. —

John Mc Donald Corporal - 84. Swon, Says that some of the People on the R. Raisin spoke to him to be their representative and as He went to the Meeting He met with Mr Mc Niffe and told him what the People had proposed upon which Mc Niffe said He was only an Individual, that there were two Classes of People to elect from Officers and Private persons that the People might make their own Choice but the general Voice was not to chose Officers. —

2. by Mc Niffe — Never heard him say any thing agt. the Officers

Read Mr McNiffes Caution to Inhabs. of R. Raisin

Do his letter to Lt J. French

Richard Dunkin Esqr. Sworn. Says that the circular letter of Mr. Delaney was addressed to him alone in the 4 Towns but that the Meeting of the People, dis by that Letter was summoned & held without the previous Cognizance of the Witness that He attended the Meeting and the Proceedings of the People when assembl was regular. — altho' at this first Ins among them He found the People in violent Commotion agt. the officers on account of a report prevailing among them that the officers had solicited for Seignorial Tenures.

Furgeshar McDonnel sworn. Says the Contents of Paper No. were true as signed by him

Wm. 10.

Thus Mr. McNiffe told him on the 11 Jan. 1778 that they wd have been sold 9 months before by their officers, had it not been for Sr. I. Johnson & Mr Delaney. — that He never Heard Mr McNiffe speak dis respectfully of any officer in particular except that Capt Dunkin had been guilty of an infamous lie in signing Capt Allan McDonnels name to Petitions & without his Consent. —

which is immediately subsided on Witness reading the ~~Letter~~ Address from the officers to ~~Mr Delaney~~ Lt. Dorchester which he explained to them Paragraph by paragraph and that He also then read the other public Papers subscribed by him & transmitted to Head Quarters.

Cornwall – 26 July 1787 —

Captain John McDonald late of the Royal Regt. of N. York preferred in the Name of the Heads of Townships, Justices of the Peace & other Gentn. of the District of the

First Towns in the new Western Settlements, a Charge agt. Mr Patrick McNiffe as a Disturber of the Quiet and Tranquility of the Settlements by circulating seditious and inflammatory Libels through the Different Townships & using other (the most studied Means tending to overturn the Authority established for the regulation of these Settlements by the Govr. and deposited in the Hands of these Gentlemen

Captn. McDonald being requested to inform us more particularly of the Authority delegated by the Govr. for the Govt. of the New Settlements produces a Lres from S. Delaney Director of Loyalists addressed on public Service to Captns. S. Anderson. R. Dunlap A. McDonald & Mr R. Wilkinson and an Inclosure

Read No. 1 – to 3 —

Read & Compared original & Copy of

McNiffes Letter acknowledged by himself —

P. McNiffes letter No 4 to Mr Delancey intended for Head Quarters dated March 1786 a Read Copy and original of McNiffes circular advertisement No 5

Read joint letter from Richard Dunkin &c &c &c &c No 6

No 7. William Falkner Esqr Sworn — Says that the Contents of Paper signed by him relating a Conversation with Mr McNiffe marked No 7 are true

No 8. Dunlan Munkerson. Sworn — Says the Contents of this paper signed by him marked 8 are true as explained by Mr Faulkner that Sr John Johnson informed Mr McNiffe that such a letter had been sent to Majr Holland, but cannot say if Mr McNiffe said that Sr John attributed such Letter to Captn Lindsay

Walter Sutherland Lieut — late R. R. Wy. Sworn — Says — that when Mr McNiffe came up from Canada with Mr Delancey's circular Letter to the Heads of Townships to assemble the Inhabitants to choose representatives or Delegates to report their wants &c. He passed the night at the Witnesses Home but ~~said~~ related to him none of the Circumstances deposed to by Mr Mr Faulkner but a few days after

Mr. D. Mackeson informed Witness of the Conversation with Mr. McNiffe ~~relat~~ deposed to by Mr Tawkner & and added that Mr McNiffe said Sr. John Johnson suspected Capth Anderson to be the author of the tre to Major Holland —

2. by Capn. Jno. McDonald —

Says that at the Meeting of the Lake Township in Consequence of Mr Delaneys circular for that purpose, Witness was elected to represent the Town, but being treated with great abuse & Incivility apprehended that his Majority might have been obtained by the numbers of Highlanders present and therefore returned to the Meeting and gave up his appointment to continue peace and Quiet in the Settlement and Mr. D Mackeson was elected in his place; that Moses Williams and Jeremiah Snyder were the most turbulent of the Meeting & that from reports of threats he was induced for a month afterwards to go about around with his Fusil. — That some time afterward Moses Williams informed Witness that the flame blown up in the Township was occasioned by Dr Mackeson Message about the letter to Major Holland —

2. by Mr McNiffe – Always considered Mr. McNiffe as his friend untill the period of the Town Meeting above related.

Moses Williams – an American – Discharged from sworn – Rogers Corps –

Says that he was at work with Murkeson the day Mr McNiffe arrived at Mr. Tawkners from Canada with the Inspector's circular order to assemble the Towns – That he went with Murkeson to Mr Tawkners and was present part of the time when Mr McNiffe conversed with him & Mr. Tawkner, but not bearing a part in the Conversation did not know what Mr Niffe said that the Evening Mr. Murkeson told him that the half pay officers had been petitioning to fix the Settlement in Seigneuries, and afterwards told him that he must not give his Vote for any officer above a Sergt. and directed him to communicate this Intelligence and advice in his 2d. of the Town which he did; that untill that time he was a well wisher to Mr Sutherland and asked Murkeson if he might vote for him, but was told that he must not. nor any one above a Sergt. and desired Witness to send any of the Scotch families to him for Information as Witness could not speak ~~the~~ Gaelic

Mr. McNiffe in his Defence

Capt. A. McDonnel. Capt. Alex. McDonnel declares that He signed the Complaint sent to Head Qrs. agt. Mr. McNiffe, but untill the Unusual in the Settlement of Mr. Delaney's circular Letter and the Reports prevailing of what Mr. McNiffe had circulated respecting the Requisition by the Officers for Seigniorial Tenures. He had no Cause of Complaint agt. Mr. McNiffe but received him on Terms of Friendship ——

S. Anderson. Capt. Saml. Anderson, declares that untill the circular letter of Mr. Delaney came up, He considered Mr. McNiffe as his Friend having received obligations from Mr. McNiffe when making his Escape from the Rebels at the Risque of his Person and that untill the Period of the Meeting of the Townships He was ever ready to serve Mr. McNiffe as a friend. —

Lt. Neil McClean. Lieut. Neil McClean — Declares that untill the Meeting of the Townships He ever met with Attention & Civility from Mr. McNiffe and esteemed him as such Conduct deserved and had

on Mr. Delaney circular letter

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Cause for signing the Complaint agt. him untill the reports were circulated of Mr. McKiffe interference to render the officers obnoxious to the Settlers.

Lt R. McDonald — Lieut. Ranald McDonnel declares that he had no cause of Complaint agt. Mr. McKiffe untill the 12th Jany last, but on the Contrary considered Mr. McKiffe as his friend untill the Proceedings of that day induced him to believe Mr McKiffe inimical to the officers

Lt R McDonald 84th — Lt R. McDonald 84th Regt. declares that he had no cause of Complaint agt. Mr. McKiffe but from Hearsay that he was irritating the People agt. the officers, that he does not recollect to have weighed particularly the Tenor of the Letter of Complaint but signed it as the others had signed it before him.....

Richd Wilkinson — Richard Wilkinson Gentleman. Declares that untill Duncan Murkeson reported to him that Mr. McKiffe was industrious exerting himself to irritate the Settlers agt. the officers he had the best opinion

of

Mr. McNiffes Character and ~~Conduct~~ had reason to think his Conduct to himself personally friendly – That his motive for interfering ag.t him was to procure Quiet to the Settlement by finding out if the or Capt.n Anderson was wrong respecting the supposed letter sollicitng Sergeancial Tenure –

Major Hogan

Major Hogan. Declares. That He has long known Mr McNiffe and does not think that Mr. McNiffe ever did any thing to injure his Character, person or property and that his only reason for signing the Complaint ag.t Mr. McNiffe was to bring forward an Enquiry into the Truth of the Reports circulated concerning the Sollicitation of the officers for Sergeancial Tenure. ——

Here Mr McNiffe applied to the whole Meeting from 2 to 300 People for any man who had the smallest Cause of Complaint ag.t him to speak. – The assembly unanimously declared they had none –

Ponas Wood.

Sworn – Says that in Company with George Barnhart He went into Capt.n John McDonnell and on being questioned by Capt.n Anderson respecting the report circulating of his letter to Major Holland, Witness related the Circumstance deposed to by Donald McArthur of Capt.n A. McDonald's acknowledg.t that Capt.n Anderson had wrote some such thing, whereupon

Capt.n

Anderson took down his words in writing on which Capt. Jno. McDonnell broke out in a passionate manner saying, that He did not believe Capt. Anderson had said such a thing, that He had never heard him say so. but that He was for it. cannot say who Capt. McDonnell meant. —

2. by C. Anderson says the Conversation was brought on by Capt. Anderson giving some Certificate from Sr. John & Major Holland that they had not received such a letter from Mr Anderson and asking Witness if thought that would satisfy the Mind of the People. —

That Witness replied he thought not but that Gov. Hopes Name to them would be more satisfactory. —

Peter Fitzpatrick — Sworn says that He was present at Johnston on the 7th April 1787. when the words stated in Mr McNiffes Statement from "Men we find you persist to signed by myself and others. —

were spoken as stated —

William Impey — Sworn, says that He was present above and heard the words deposed to by Mr Fitzpatrick spoken by C. Donk

elected Mr McNiffe to be clerk of the Meeting they then divided upon the Question wether they ~~would be under~~ were Seigneuries or not and all the people going on one side ay! the Seigneuries & then elected the Witness Moderator - That the Delegates were then elected without any disturbance excepting a few idle words which the Witness checked & reproved instantly - That Mr McNiffe during the whole meeting exhorted the People to a decent and orderly Conduct - That Mr McNiffe informed the people that there were two Characters to elect from Officers & Commonalty when the People called out no Officers that himself was silent on that Question but the Voice might be said to be unanimous as no one dissented. - ~~That Mr Robe~~

That He knew Mr McNiffe before the War in the Character of a Merchant and keeping the first Society in the County He lived in. - That He knew him at that time to be a loyal Subject - That at the meeting it was unanimously voted to request that Mr McNiffe might be continued as a Surveyor -

Def^t Hon^d [illegible] Honble Sir - You are to

Jacob Summers Sworn, Says that he recd the particular Instructions of Lt Hugh McDonald to shew the advertisement or Notice for the Court of Enquiry to the Persons mentioned in the Paper Marked N. a particularly to such whose names had & I enquired them - & to leave two Notices with Capt Jno McDonnel & 1 with Capt Doughty & to tell Capt J. McDonnel to publish one ~~in~~ send the other to R. Rainie.

Charge by Mr McNiffe against Capt Anderson

John McIntire Sergt.

Impey v Carpenter } No damage found for pltff. Defendt to pay Costs. 12/8

Pass^rs in v Watkin Richards } no damage to Pltff. Deft to pay 12/ Cost to ye Constable & 7/ to himself. Bailiff employed for 1/2 an hour only. Costs & [illegible] ordered by Justice & Constable

Henry Horn Pltff v S. Anderson } refusal of Justice - Sergt. Spencer, Eben Anderson Bn Willoughby Mr Rice & 2 Woods

~~Your [illegible]~~

King v Driers } Joel Wright acquitted of Charge but ordered to pay Costs & having no money Mr Anderson ordered the Constable to strip off his Coat & keep it for Costs

Rice ~ S. Anderson } Mr Anderson cond^d Defend^t. at suit of Servos for labour done for his son of full Age – refused a Copy of the Judg^t

Adam Wenrel & Barnham } Constable retains 29/9 – to pay 9/9 & Costs

John Frees atti. Wm. Baxter } refused a hearing and condemned to pay 20/ Costs

Arnold – Sent out of the settlement without Trial –

Charge a g^t. S. Anderson Esqr. Embowlem^t. of his Majesty Stores and appropriation of such to his own use

Received 31 July 1787 – the affidavits of Thos Robertson and Wagner acknowledged to be true by Mr Anderson unless that he said he had sold the Bar as his own Share

Corporal John McDonald Sworn before Says that he was present when an affray happened between Mr Thos Robertson and Captn W. Anderson occasioned by some dispute about a report that Captn Anderson had sold

Some

Iron & Steel belonging to the Loyalists Stores - that Mr Anderson told Capt Robertson that He had got his proportion and had nothing to say in the Business that He said if you had any thing to serve to your Company what would you do with what might remain after they were satisfied - And then acknowledged that He had sold a small quantity of Iron & Steel to pay himself for his trouble - thinks it was above 30 £ - that high Words passing between them Capt Anderson struck Mr Robertson

Stein Shick - Sworn, says.
That He bought 25½ Steel from Capt Anderson which looked like the Steel issued to the Loyalists & wh Mr Anderson told him he had ~~seen~~ bought from divers person particularly from Michl Waling a Loyalist Winter 1785 &c at Montl Price

Philip Walters Sworn says
That He bought of Capt Anderson at 17 pt Montreal Price -

£ 20½ Steel winter 1785 & 6 mark Harp & Crown -

by the officers in their Name before they were sent no Uncasings or disturbances would have taken place —

John Long called again —

Says that he has known Mr McNiffe long as a Neighbour and upon all occasion which offered to speak to the People that he inculcated the principles of Loyalty to his Majesty and Obedience to the Laws —

James Butterworth Sworn Says

He was present at the Meeting on the 12th Inst last, from before Capt Anderson arrived untill the Close of the Meeting and did not observe any Encouragement from Mr Niffe for the people to be riotous or insolent to the officers, but on the contrary heard him recommend Peace and good order — That in 1786 He heard reports of Petitions and papers being sent by the officers respecting the general Interest of the Settlement, without consulting the People and from his Heart believes that if the Contents of such papers had been communicated by the officers to

5 or 6 of the most intelligent Sellers in each Township they would have been able to quiet the Minds of the People and the present Jealousy & Uneasiness would not have existed — That in Conversation with Mr McNiffe as a Neighbour he has always heard him recommend Loyalty to the King & Obedience to the Laws, and due ~~obedience and~~ respect to the Officers

Was so near to Mr McNiffe at the Meeting of the 12 Jan.y but that He thinks He must have heard all that was said but does not recollect Hearing him say that He had received a Tre of Thanks from the Govt. for forwarding the Petn of the 2d Township —

Has resided in the Settlement 3 years constantly and has never seen any tendency in the Conduct of the Inhabitants to Sedition Mutiny or rebellion —

But has all reason from the Conversation & Demeanour of Mr McNiffe to suppose & believe that in Case of any such appearance He would exert all his Influence to quell & stifle it —

I. by ~~Anderson~~ McDonald Confirms the account of the Meeting

of the 12 Jany last given by Christie
adding that Captn. Anderson was asked
twice to go out at the door to read the
Papers and that when Mr McNiffe
~~at~~ began to read ~~upon~~ a petition Capt
Anderson standing near him said that
has been read before, to which Mr.
McNiffe said I have a few Words
to say to the people first & then you
may proceed - but does not recollect
what answer Captn. Anderson made

Daniel Campbell late Serg.t R.R. Pkr
Sworn says. —

That at the time of Genl Slope Proclamation
concerning the building of Barnal Mills
in the Settlements the Minds of the People
being much allarmed, He in Company
with several others agreed to wait upon
Mr McNiffe to ~~consult~~ ~~him~~ take his opinion on the occasion
that Mr McNiffe said it would be very
hard if ~~Mills~~ the Tenures of that kind
should take place - He would leave
the Country and it being suggested by
some of the Company that an application
to the Govr. might prevent it, Mr.
McNiffe said He was only an individual
not a Head of the Township and counselled
them to go to counsell Captn Anderson
whose duty it was to advise them

thereon such occasions to which the Party replied they did not ~~took~~ come to ~~upon~~ Mr McKiffe ~~as attend~~ to do any thing for them but only to take his ~~advice~~ opinion — adjourned to Monday

Monday 29th July 1787.

John Lang sworn before. — Says He has never during his residence in the Settlement from June 1784 heard of an opposition be made to the Magistrate in the Execution of his office. —

Thomas Robertson Turner, sworn — Says that he attended at a Meeting of the 9d Township on the 12 Inst. last held by Instructions from Mr Delancey, that Capt. Anderson read the Letter of Instruction as read without the least Interruption, that Mr McKiffe then asked if he had done, & on his replying in the Affirmative, Mr McKiffe was called upon by the Meeting to read a Petition which had been called a seditious & mutinous paper. which they understood to be the Petition from Township No. 2 to Gen Hope — that the Petition was read by Mr McKiffe & the assembly then manoeuvred

that on the appearance of some seditious Measure being to be adopted before the rebellion, in the Town of Manchester Mr McNiffe quelled the disturbance and occasioned the restoration of good order and submission to the Law at the risque of his person —

That He has known Mr McNiffe use his Endeavours constantly to instill into the Minds of the New Settlers the Principles of Loyalty and obedience to the Laws ——

That being at Capt. A. McDonalds last Winter, Capt. McD. read a Paragraph of a Letter from Mr Delaney which recommended to Mr McNiffe to make peace with the officers or he would be ruined; upon which Capt. McDonald said either ~~the officers~~ the officers or McNiffe should be ruined —

in the month of March.

That at the Meeting on the 12th Jany. 1776 He heard Capt. Anderson read to the people a Copy of an Address to Lord Dorchester, and a circular Letter from Mr Delaney & thinks He

he heard him read a Petition —
That He saw Mr McNiffe take out a Petition
~~to read~~ which ~~paper~~ had been called
~~a~~ rebellious and Seditious paper & Mr
McNiffe insisted upon reading it that
the People might judge if it was
rebellious & Seditious or not, on which
Capt Anderson said Mr McNiffe took all
upon himself. — —
That He heard Mr McNiffe say. "We
have 2 Clerks here 1. Gent. 2 Officers
2d Inhabitants, now which do
you chuse to elect? That the People
cried out the officers had ruled
long enough, that they would elect
from among themselves — It appeared
to the Witness that the voice of the
People was in general ag. electing
officers. — Mr McNiffe told the
People the first thing to be done as
the Meeting was to chuse a Clerk
whereupon the People cried
out Generally Mr McNiffe, Mr McNiffe
Then Mr McNiffe said since you
elect me Clerk unanimously I
will act and the ~~fr~~ next thing
you must do is to chuse —

Moderator to keep peace and regularity in your proceedings & immediately proposed Mr Robertson of the R. Raisin — to whom the People unanimously chose

As soon as Mr Robertson took his Place Mr McKiffe proposed the nomination of persons to be chosen Delegates and Mr Robertson acquiescing Mr McKiffe proposed Mr William Impey and told the people to decide those who were for Impey to the right & those go him to the left. The People not deciding a unanimous Vote for Mr Impey was entered ~~and~~ who then thanked the Meeting for their Confidence & proposed Mr McKiffe for the other representative — and He was also elected unanimously

Mr McKiffe then said a third would be ~~wanted~~ proper and proposed Mr Wood Serjt Moss at same time proposing Mr Campbell but the Votes were for Mr Jonas Wood — then Mr McKiffe said in Case of Sickness it might

be necessary to have another for the River Raisin and turning to Donald McDonald said you Donald I think may leave home as well as any one. ~~and~~ the People agreed to elect him, but he said he said himself he was not fit for it. —

~~Then~~ Then Meeting broke

2 B. C. McDonald

That he never carried to the Bay of Quinty any letter or verbal Message from Mr McNiffe or any other, altho Mr McNiffe knew of his Intention to go ~~the~~ there —

That Witness told Capt Anderson after reading the Petition heard Mr McNiffe say if C. Anderson had read the Petition to the People before it went down he would have pulled off his hat and thanked him; and that it would have prevented all the Confusion. — And Witness thinks from his general knowledge of the Inhabitants in the Settlements that if the People in Canada had been consulted on the papers sent to Head Quarters

and believes that if such petitions had been shewn to the People before they were sent or such reports had not been circulated the Jealousies and Discontents now existing in the Settlement would not have taken place —

by Capt McDonald That Capt. Anderson at that Meeting read a Petition & a letter to the People ~~before the event into the Fled~~ —

That from any Conversation with Mr McKiffe He could not learn that He had any personal resentment or Enmity to any of the officers —

by Capt. McDonald ~~That He heard~~ That He heard some one cry out this is no Town Meeting, it is like a Charivaris and Another Person cried out who ever says that, ought to be knocked Down — but does not know who spoke either of those Sentences — thinks they were spoken ~~before~~ after Capt Anderson left the Meeting —

Saw no Insult offered to any body but that the People behaved quietly and peaceably as long as he remained there —

George Christie, Sworn - Says -
That He was present at the Meeting on the 12 Jany last and stood about 4 foot from Mr McKiffe and Capt. Anderson while they were on the Sled ~~and~~ but did not hear Mr McKiffe say that He had received a letter from the Govr. thanking him for forwarding the Petition from the 2d Tom. yet think if any body heard such words He must. ——

That at the Meeting on that day He recollects Mr McKiffe recommending particularly to the people to behave respectfully to the officers and at other times in private Conversation with the witness has frequently recommended Loyalty & respect to the officers. —
And that He has heard Mr McKiffe speak very favorably of most of the officers and has ~~thought~~ Mr McKiffe was upon a friendly ~~meeting~~ footing ——
That in the last Summer He learnt from Sergt. McClean that Expresses were frequently moving from among the officers & Mr Wilkinson and that it was much wonded what could be ~~the~~ in agitation, that he expressed his belief that the officers were planning an address to Ld. Dorchester without

consulting the People and to enquire further about it called upon Capt. McKenzie who told him that an address was sent by the officers but that He had not seen it. — Thus He believes the Jealousies of the People agt. the officers was occasioned by the secrecy observed on this business and that ~~[illegible]~~ it was surmised the address contained something agt. the general Intt. of the Settlement yet individually He did not think the officers would do any thing of that kind but ~~merely~~ considered the address ~~[illegible]~~ merely as a Compliment to 2d Dorchester on his arrival — that his only reason of Complaint was that the officers should send an address in the name of the Settlement without consulting the People at large —

That during the Meeting of the 12 Instt. last upon ~~[illegible]~~ seeing a Party of People moving on one side and learning that some Insult was intended to Lt Anderson for speaking disrespectfully of the Meeting He advised by all Them

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to suppress their resentment and keep the peace, that it was not worth while to notice any trifling speech of that kind & except in that Instance the whole Conduct of the People at the Meeting was decent and peaceful —

That He has resided in the Settlement since June 1784 and has travelled thro' them all up to the bay of Quinty but never saw any Appearance of Sedition, meeting or Rebellion among any body of the Settlers nor of any private disturbance or bear unless a report of some Insult being offered to Mr McKiffe in his own House and of an affray two winters ago ~~at the House of one~~ near the Town McBean.. ——

That He knew of Mr McKiffe before & at the Commencement of the Rebellion, lived in the next Town to him & knew that he supported the Character & Appearance of an affluent Merchant — Knows that He was generally considered as a loyal Subject and has ~~[illegible]~~ heard,

~~Captain William R. Crawford Sworn~~

John Ferguson – Commissary sworn says – that He was present in the Court of Justices when Mr. Harkimer Appearing Comty preferred a Complaint that Mr. Amos Ansley had received provisions for Charles McCullough James Hurley and Samuel Ansley, which He refused to deliver, that Mr. Ansley offered to swear upon the Bible that He had not received provisions for those Men, but the Justices refusing to administer an oath that day, He returned to their next Meeting and acknowledged that He had received the provisions for those people which He had discovered since his former Denial of it by counting the Prices of Pork used & remaining at his Home

that he had only received 70 lb.

~~Mr.~~ Captn. Crawford sworn says He was on the Bench at the time spoken of and does not recollect the offer of Mr. Ansley to swear that He had not received those provision

Captn. Grasse says that He was present at the Court on the above occasion and heard Mr. Ansley declare that He had only received ~~provisions~~ pork for himself but did not hear him offer to swear to it

Laurence Hackmer Swan. Says that on his Complaint above related Mr. Ansley offered to swear that he had not received the provisions of the three other Men and put his Hand to the Bible to swear but Mr McClean withdrew the book from him

Captn. John Everitt Swan says he was Head of this Township No. 1. when Mr. Delaneys circular letter arrived in consequence of which he called a Town Meeting when Captn. McGuin, Mr. Atkinson & Swan Ansley were chosen to represent the Town in the Meeting with the other Townships

and Mr. Ansley said then that they could do without him as there was not much to be done

Captn. McGuin declares that he declined accepting the Trust reposed in him by the Town Vote

Mr. Atkinson declares that he declined accepting the Trust reposed

Captn. Everitt does not recollect that the Town required every thing to be done by their Representatives should be done by two of them — Mr. Atkins

Mr. Amos Ansley — Defence

Mr. Silas Palmer sworn — Says —
that He was of the Party under the Command
of Capt. Grasse coming up to the Settlement
and at la Chine some dispute happened
about a Boat and Witness heard Capt.
Grasse say that He would shoot any
Man who should attempt to go before
him — and Ansley answered I am
shoot Capt. Glass as fast as your
That Mrs Knight a Passenger in
Ansleys Boat was near her time
and and they had hired an additional
hand to get up as soon as possible
on her Account — ~~Not there~~ —

Kingston

Western Settlements

Minutes of a Board

- of Inquiry -

1787.

New Johnston 25 July 1787. -

Minutes of a Board of Enquiry held in the New Western Settlements on the River St Lawrence by Authority of his Excellency Lord Dorchester -

Present { The Hon.ble John Collins / William Drummer Powell } Esquires. 1787

Notice of the Objects of Enquiry being generaly communicated to the Township, Major Gray, Capt.n McDonald &c. of the late Corps of St. J. Jonhstone gave notice of an intended Support to be brought forwards by Capt.n Donkin of the same Corps relative to Complaints ag.t Mr Patrick McNiffe. -

Received the Complaint Memorial of Mr. Thomas Robertson - - - - - - - - - - -

Roderic McDonald heard on that Subject and by agreement with Robertson, Mr. James McDonald Surveyor to measure the Land cleared by Rod.c McDonald ~~and~~ within Robertsons Line and as much in R. McDonald own Lot which Mr. Robertson is to clear for him fit for the Plough. -

~~Complaint by John Cashen that his Land No. 26 Pt Moville Township settled and built upon by order of T. Delancey Esquire has been certifie~~

Wilkinson vs Burton } Mr. Wilkinson prefers a Complaint against Mr. John Burton that he commanded a Party of Rebels during the War and was cruel and persecuting to the Loyalist

George Rush a Loyalist sworn -

Says that He was drafted into the Rebel Service for 4 Months, that He was a Waggoner and served as such 2 Months & 13 days ~~about~~ in the same Campaign that the Battle was at Germantown - That He had the Baggage of Col. Swift in his waggon & during the Action at German Town leave his Waggon into N York - That John Burton then commanded 44 Men Camp Colour Men attached to Bradlees Regiment - That Mr. Burton in the same year assisted to carry off from Peeks Kill the Man who executed Mr. David Jones of Smithtown, at old Orchard. - That ~~Adam~~ Impey of the Cedars was there, Witness to the Execution of Jones and that Burton aided the Hangman to make his Escape from the fa[illegible] of the American Soldiers. -

Mr. William Faulkner - Relates from Burton's own Account that [illegible] had lived upon a farm in Cherry Valley wh[illegible] had been taken from one Schevelin on Acco[illegible] of his Loyalty does not ~~know~~ recollect that Burton told him at what time He came [illegible] America

America, but that Burton told him he had resided some time at Philadelphia and was ordained by Mr Witherspoon at Prince Town, that he had been only a Deacon in Ireland ....

~~Mr Wilkeam Cox~~

~~Luke Bowman~~

Louis Nadeau ~~Sworn~~ a Canadian Setter in Johnstown Swore Says, that Joseph Burton Son of John Burton informed him that his father was absent from Ireland three years and never heard of ~~that time but~~ during that time but at the end of that ~~time~~ period he embarked from Ireland and found his Father at Philadelphia upon his arrival and that ~~Butterworth~~ John Burton told the Witness that he was going to Albany for his Son Joseph and was absent about a month when he returned with Joseph his Son ——

James Butterworth Swore Says that he became acquainted with John Burton about 2 years ago and that Joseph ~~Butterworth~~ Burton his Son informed the Witness that his father had been absent some years from Ireland without ~~writing~~ his family hearing from him, whereupon he embarked for

America

and found his Father in some of the Colonies - does not recollect where -

Mr. John Burton present acknowledg the Truth of Mr. Faulkners Relation. -

Mr. Joseph Burton declares that his Father left Ireland 3 Years ago & He followed him by his fathers bed and found him at Montreal -

Ralph Falkner sworn says that Jos Burton called upon Witness in June 1785 & told him that He had an order from Congress to sell on Carleton Island - that He was not a Minister but had been a Deacon in Ireland 25 Years -

Mr. Patrick McKiffe

Sir

His Excellency Lord Dorchester with the advice of his Council having committed to Mr Collins and myself the Enquiry into certain Complaints ~~[illegible]~~ and uneasinesses among the Inhabitants of the New Western Settlements, in which ~~it appears that your name~~ you appear to be interested, I give you Notice that we shall proceed on that Enquiry at New Johnstown on Monday next at 11 o'Clock before Noon –

I am Sir
your humble Servt
Wm Dummer Powell

us at the first blush to comprise ~~all~~ the real Cause of the uneasiness in these infant Settlements, we read ~~the several~~ and authenticated the several Communications ~~handed~~ from your Lordships Secretary ~~[illegible]~~ and heard in addition a Variety of Testimony

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Draft to
to Mr. M. Kiffe
16 July 1787.

My Lord -

In obedience to your Excellency's Instructions We repaired to New Johnston now called Cornwall and gave immediate Information to the Neighbourhood of the object of our Mission. - A few hours sufficed to convince us that ~~the~~ a very dangerous Jealousy and want of Confidence mutually subsisted in that Settlement between the Majority of the Settlers and their late officers. - The day after our Arrival Capt. John M. Donnell of the late Royal Regiment of New York in the Name of the officers of that Corps inhabiting the New Settlements preferred a Complaint in writing agt. Mr Patrick McNiffe some time Employed by the Surveyor General of the Province as a Deputy in that Quarter, as contained in the Paper No. 1. accompanying this our Report:-

Upon this Complaint which appeared to us at the first blush to comprise ~~all~~ the real Cause of the Uneasiness in these infant Settlements, we read ~~the several~~ and authenticated the several Communications ~~handed~~ from your Lordships Secretary ~~[illegible]~~ and heard in addition a Variety of

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for the particulars of which we beg leave to refer your Lordship to our Minutes —

~~The Result of our Enquiry on this important Subject depending so entirely upon our particular Sentiments~~

~~Any Opinion to be formed on the Communications afforded us, must be so immediately dependent with the particular~~

your Lordships Wisdom will ~~best teach~~ enable you to form ~~a~~ ~~ge~~ more just Idea of the allarming Situation of these infant Settlements ~~than any~~ from the mere Matter of fact thrown into our Minutes ~~from~~ on the Testimony of the different Actors, than any report we can venture to make upon the strength of personal observation and private Enquiry; but we cannot forbear suggesting to your Lordship that the Evil is of a very serious Nature and requires a delicate and tender Treatment — We have found the Inhabitants of these Settlements more illi than is the general Character of the nothern ~~Emigrants~~ loyalists, but at the same time we have discovered among the a stronger and more general Sense of just political

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Subordination than we had reason to apprehend from the Complaints of their Officers. We have good reason to suppose that no personal Influence of Mr McKiffe great as it necessarily must be in a new Country from his popular Talents, his temperance disinterestedness and affable humanity his apparent Contempt of lucre and love of Justice, would not have operated so powerful a Disunion of the ~~Stem~~ Affections of the Setters from their late Officers, had they not liberaly ~~aided~~ seconded his Exertions and augmented that Influence by ~~the~~ ~~appe~~ a Shew of Contrary Conduct. — We plainly perceive that the People have been uniformly and as if by system, kept ignorant of the ~~y~~ exact ~~limits~~ extent of the bonby of Government to them — Secrecy has been observed by the Officers and Heads of Townships we apprehend with a View only to sustain an Appearance of Consequence and the Shadow of former power, but which with some reason has excited the Jealousy of such among the People as were accustomed to reflection. — This Jealousy has from various trifling Circumstances been gradually ~~augmented~~ increasing

untill the Certainty of some ~~official~~ joint Communication with your Excellency and ~~their~~ Ignorance of its Purport inflamed their Suspicions ~~to~~ into Rivalship and hatred. We are thoroughly convinced that if the Petition from the Heads of Townships to your Excellency had been communicated to the Inhabitants before it was forwarded your Lordship would not have heard a Murmur from these people on the Subject of a general Charge or Complaint agt. their Officers. — We cannot say that ~~the~~ Individuals among them would not have forced even unwilling Complaints, for he cannot but consider the Conduct of Samuel Anderson in his several Capacities of Magistrate & Head of a Township, as calculated to bring Disgrace upon the ~~Corps the~~ Support which he has received from his brother Officers and he would not have received from them ~~other Gentlemen of the Settlement~~, but from the remains of a ~~military~~ certain Esprit de Corps, so desirable in the field but ~~so~~ obviously prejudicial in civil Society.

The Instances of his Misconduct which

which your Excellency will find in our Minutes appear to us to admit of no palliation and ~~It appears~~ seems by a paper handed to us by himself no that He is of the same opinion. — Your ~~Lordship~~ Excellency will perceive that the Flame has been blown up in the Settlements by the ~~[illegible]~~ ambiguous Terms of a circular letter from Stephen Delaney Esqr. said to be by your Lordships Direction and greedily caught at by the people as an only occasion of declaring in a public Manner their Want of Confidence in their late officers. — Slow for your Excellency may be of opinion that the Circumstance may prove a ~~desirable Beacon to guide~~ politacial desideratum to fix the Character of the People ~~to~~ whom your Lordship is to ~~give a Code of Laws~~ legislate, we cannot ~~say~~ surmise, but we are fully sensible that no task ~~is~~ can be more difficult than ~~to [illegible]~~ properly to direct that premature puberty which may be said to characterise ~~the~~ ~~Settlements~~ this Infant settlement — ~~the Anglo Americans in these new Settlements.~~ Could we dare to

to hazard ~~an~~ ~~tif~~ an opinion upon such a subject it would be that the Peace of this New and Extensive Colony is only to be preserved by an affected Confidence and Communicative Appearance ~~of~~ from the officers ~~of~~ entrusted by Government ~~to the~~ People, by which Means they may be led warmly to second every plan of Government as the Child of their own Desires ~~and Experience teaches~~

This Reflection leads us to that part of your Excellency's Instructions which requires us to avail ourselves of the opportunity ~~of~~ of our progress to pointing out proper Characters to carry into Execution your Lordships gracious Design of organizing this District in Conformity to the Town granted by the late ordinance — It is with real regret that we acknowledge to your Excellency the extreme difficulty We find in obeying this part of your Lordships Commands. The ~~fatal~~ baneful Spirit of party has so effectually taken possession of this people and the marked Gradation of Character from the recent Existence of military

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is such, that we dare not point to any Member of either party for full Confidence lest your Excellency should too late discover that every Sentiment of Gratitude and moral Justice may yield to ~~political~~ party prejudice. — We have however subjoined to this Report a list of the most discreet of the Gentlemen in either Township, as far as our Means of Information would ~~admit of permit~~ admit of distinguishing and we have availed ourselves of every cautious means to acquire such a competent knowledge of ~~them~~ the Settlers —

In the Course of our Enquiry we ~~had~~ were led from public Rumour to expect much Complaint, in the 5th Township New Brunswick of the Conduct of Justus Sherwood Esqr. & in the 3d Township of Cataraqui, by Jephta Hawley Esqr. as trading Justices but to our great Surprise not a Complaint was heard in either Township, and from our personal knowledge of the Parties we are apprehensive that Complaint has been suppressed, by Means however which we cannot account for. Mr. Stewart

Stewart the Episcopal Minister at Kingston
has informed us of one Instance of what
we deem a gross ~~Impropriety~~ in the
abuse of the Authority confided to ~~him~~
the latter, that of joining in Matrimony
Parties already united with ~~others by~~ in
the same tyes, and justifying such an
abuse by quoting the mosaic Dispensation
as the Rule of Conduct when it ~~[illegible]~~ militates
with the positive laws of the Empire
we think it a Duty to represent this
fact to your Excellency as ~~containing~~ discovering
a ~~Sentiment~~ principle pernicious beyond all
others in a legal View —

That anxious regard for the welfare of the
Settlements which grows stronger from the
daily ~~observation~~ Contemplation of the
wonderful Improvements, induces us
although not immediately within the Vi
of your ~~Lordships~~ Excellency Instructions, to offer
to your Lordship our earnest recommen
that the assistance of Government may
be afforded to establish a Seminary at
Kingston or some central Part of the
Settlements, where the Youth may

~~acquire~~

may receive Improvement and Information
beyond the ordinary progress of a Village
School, which we are pleased to see already
established in Every Township without
any aid, and whose Example we are persuaded
will soon be followed in the other Townships;
After making provision for the first Elements
of Education the object most obvious to be
promote a decency of Manners and conse-
quent happiness among the people appears
to us to be the establishment of some stated
Ministers for public Worship in each
Town or in small Districts and this we
are led more particularly to observe by
having remarked that a licentiousness of
Manners and Conversation appears already
to be no longer the subject of shame or
reproach, a proof of depravity which in
so young a Country we attribute
to the want of a Standard for sober Manners
only to be expected in so mixed
a Body of People from Characters set upon
and look'd up to for that Purpose
your Excellency having in our Instruc-
expressed your Intentions with respect to
the Instant Organization of the Settlement

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into a new District we forbear to press upon your Lordship the distress of the people by the delay of such a Measure - the summary Jurisdiction without appeal granted to young Magistrates in Quarters so remote from any Dread of Animadversion, has we fear been a Mean of Oppression altho' the Idea of a final Judgement and no legal Provision having been made for a Revisal, preserves keeps back any special Complaint - We learn from general Observation that a Reform in that Jurisdiction is become necessary.

As ~~from~~ its central Situation with respect to the Settlements and its being the point at which the Batteau Communication naturally stops and that by larger Vessels commences renders Kingston the proposed Spot to form the ~~Trad~~ Capital of these Settlements in a commercial View, so we apprehend in the first Establishment it may be considered the fittest ~~residence~~ stationary residence of the ~~officers of whom Government may~~ Courts of Judicature and Mr Collins has reached on the Plan of

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Town the most apt Scite for a Court House and a Prison. — We cannot close our report of our Enquiry into the State of these Settlements without Communicating to your Excellency the pleasing Assurance that the Bounty of Government so liberally bestowed upon its faithful Subjects has not been lost either upon their Minds or Improvements; we believe that this People are impressed with as just and grateful a Sense of the benevolent Attention of the Parent Country as any people could profess and if Insinuations have to the Contrary have been countenanced by their Meetings and Communications with your Excellency or ~~you~~ the late Commander in Chief, we believe ~~they~~ they were rather grounded upon the resistance these people are inclined to ~~show~~ make against ~~the~~ any Subjection to the Caprice and partiality of the ~~Ministers~~ Servants of Government than to any principle of Ingratitude or resistance to Government itself. ~~Their Ingratitude~~ We have mentioned this assurance ~~of~~ of their Merit as a preparing

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a humble request very generally urged by the Settlers and which we cannot refuse to second, it is that your Excellency would advance to them in such Manner as you ~~[illegible]~~ may ~~point out~~ think fit three Month Rations of Pork to enable them to go through the Fatigue of the approaching Season, and to be returned in Flour at ~~the~~ your Excellency requisition of ~~[illegible]~~ in any of his Majesty's Ports above the Long Sault and below Niagara.—

Finding it scarcely possible to preserve a narrative Account of the Examination into the several Memorials presented to us at Oswegatchie, Kingston and ~~Ernest~~ Fredericksburg we have endorsed upon the back of each the result of our Information however obtained, and beg leave to refer your Excellency to such Indorsements, making one general observation that the Parties complained of being chiefly Commissarys now out of Employ there remains no plausible Means of redress in the Instances of Provisions or Clothing acknowledged or proved to be withheld

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~~than~~ but by an order for Compensation from the public Stores. —— We have the Honor to be with the most profound respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most obed.t ~~and~~ Servants

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List of Papers respecting Complaints of the Inhabitants of Johnston &c.

No 1. Charge by Patrick M'Niffe in behalf of the Settlers against Samuel Anderson Esq.r for a partial distribution of the Donations, and Mal. administration of Justice — The Charge contained in this paper against Capt.n Richard Doutin withdrawn upon a public Explanation. —

No 2. Charge by Patrick M'Niffe against Captain John M'Donnel and Lieut.t Peter Everitt, For disturbing the public Peace and Tranquility of the Settlement by their Comment on the Rec.d of the circular Letter from Mr. Delancey recommending a Delegation from the Settlers.

No 3 Charge by William Impey against the Officers generally for undue Management respecting a pretended Consent by the Men that they might take their Quota of Lands on the front without drawing for them ———

No 4. Charge by William Impey against Samuel Anderson Esquire for partial Distribution of Clothing ——— . . . . . —

No 5 Complaint of Inhabitants of Johnston against Serj.t Prescot, Smith and Annibank, on Suspicion of Fraud in ifpecting provisions ———

No 6 Complaint against Capt.n Burnes by Peter Brunner ——— . . . . . —

No. 7 Complaint of Hermannus Cryderman agt the Commissary for Stoppage of his Provision, which would not ascertained, not having before the Board the Commissarys Returns. ——

No. 8. A Blank paper numbered by Mistake ——

No. 9 Declaration of Michael Haynes that He had not deposed that Patrick McNiffe had called a Meeting without Consent of Captn. Donkin ——

No. 10 Deposition of Donald McArthur that Captn. Alexander McDonnel had acknowledged that Captn. Samuel Anderson had wrote in favour of Seigneurial Tenures — denied by Captn. A. McDonald - - - - - - - - - - -

No. 11 Declaration of part of Township No. 4. that they were not influenced in their Election by Mr. McNiffe but by their want of Confidence in their Officers - - - - - - - - - - - - - ——

No. 12 Similar Declaration of part of Township No. 3.

No. 13 Similar Declaration of part of Township No. 5.

No. 14. Complaint by Evan Rice agt Samuel Anderson Esqr. for partial Judgement ——

No. 15. Declaration on Oath of Thomas Robertson & Jacob Wagener that S. Anderson Esquire had acknowledged to them the having sold a bar of Steel to pay his Trouble in issueing the remainder — ——

No. 16 Declaration of Sifreness Cutleman that He had not deposed that Patrick McNiffe had called

called together the Township No. 4 without the consent of Captn. Dunkin ---------

No. 17. S. Anderson Esqr. Certificate that John Priesley drew no Clothing because he had no Lot in his Township, covering Certificate of Patrick McNiffe that he had drawn his Land in that Town.

No. 18. Charge of Embovrlement of Stores preferred by Patrick McNiffe against Captn. Jno. McDonnel explained by an Indorsement signed by Captn. McDonnel ---------

No. 19 Order to S. Anderson Esqr. for Distribution of Clothing ---------

No. 20 Return by Capt. Anderson of Distribution of Clothing & Certificate that his Vouchers were regularly transmitted to Stephen Delancey Esqr.

No. 21. Written Answer to the Charges by Captn. Anderson

22. Directions for Notification of the Sitting of the Board.

24 Certificate of Captn. Anderson that Watkin Richards a Setter was in no Return for Donations

25 Certificate from Commissary Campbell that
26 5 or 6 Months Provision was due to John Johnson - and Memm. by the board to recommend John Johnson for his Majestys Bounty at Sorel ---------

27 Deposition of Horn & Wife of an atrocious Breach of the Peace referred for the Notice of the Things Attorney ---------

28 Letter from Justus Sherwood respecting Patrick McNiffes circular letter ---

List of Papers
respecting the Enquiry
at Cornwall

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Sir

I am requested by Lord Dorchester to communicate to the Settlers in the Bay of Quinby and other parts interested in the free Navigation of the Lakes that it is his Lordships Intention to grant full permission next year to any Persons to build and navigate upon the upper Lakes any Vessels from 20 Tons to 90; under certain regulations to be established by an Ordinance of the Legislative Council at their next Session —

I am instructed also to say that the Settlers will not be limited to the above dimensions for Craft for their own immediate use — As it is his Lordships Wish that the loyal Settlers should have an equal chance with the Canada Merchant to make use of the intended Advantage, this previous Information is afforded that by such as chuse to build the necessary preparations for Timber &c. may be made so as not to lose a Season. — I hope you will excuse the Liberty I take in begging you to communicate the above to the Settlers in your Neighbourhood — I am, Sir,

Your most Obedt.
and Humble Servt —

Montreal 29th October 1787 —

J. C.

N 1	Dr Solomon Jones		Augusta
2	Samuel Wright	—	Elizabeth Town
3	Neil McClean	—	Kingston
4	Capt. Crawford	—	Fredericksburg
5	Major Vandalstyne	—	Adolphus Town
6	Major Jas Rogers	—	Sophiasburg
7	Capt. Wright	—	Marysburg
8	Mr Alex Chisholm	—	Sydney

Bay of Quinty Ernest Town. 13 Augt. 1787.

On the general Complaint of Township No. 3 for short Issues of Provisions - Mr. William Bell the Issuing Commissary - Acknowledges a large Deficiency to the Inhabitants, particularly those particularized in Papers No. 3, 5 & 6.

Comfort Smith's Ration was stopped by order of Mr. McClean because he was not upon his own Lot from May to August 1785

Complaint of Tools &c.

Mr. Cascallion Storekeeper - received from Mr. McClean Asst. Commissary General 109 lbs. Iron & two Faggots Steel to be distributed by Captn. Singleton - That Captn. Singleton ordered the Iron & Steel to be issued to David Palmer Blacksmith to fix up 18 Ploughs for the Town Ship - that He delivered to Palmer 5 barrs Iron wt. unknown, and a Fagott and 1 bar Steel which Palmer worked up; of the remainder 115 lbs. Iron & 27 lb. Steel was reserved for the Settlement of a little lake - & the Residue 538 3/4 lb. Iron & 55 lb. Steel were equally divided among the Settlers, by Concessions, to the Satisfaction of the People - as also was the Distribution of

[illegible] by David Palmer as far as relates to his work

of the Ploughs — David Palmer sworn says that he truely and faithfully accounted f the Iron and Steel delivered to him by working up the same in Plough Irons, the Township and that the heavier of the five Barrs delivered to him weighed only 57 lb/s — upon a Calculation of the Issue of the Iron it appears that there rem a Deficiency of 126 lbs Iron to be accounted for by Captn Singleton, as Mr. Cascallion has kept no note of the Weight ——

Upon Complaint respecting some Pots a Kettles sent to Mr Bell, it appears that a fe were sent up appreciated at 4/- p^tt to distributed as a Compensation to such as not received their proportion of Cloathi

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Hugh McConnel late Soldier in Cap Dalys Company 1st Batt: R. R. N Y — Complains that he received no Cloathi altho' mustered by Captn Barnes for Clo

Minutes of

Enquiry at

Ernest Town

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Quebec June 26th 1787

Gentlemen

I am to Inform you, by direction from the Honorable the Chief Justice, that for the purpose of avoiding that the business of the Investigation respecting the Administration of Justice, Should interfere with the Term appointed for the Courts of common Pleas by the late ordinance, The Commissioner shall not attend the investigation untill the 23d of July next: unless the Judges should desire a Shorter Day, than this New adjournment, appointed for their convenience and the better enabling them to attend the Public business of the approaching term. I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedt. humble Servt.

(Signed) Chas. Thomas Sect-

To James Monk & Isaac-ogden Esqrs. Counsel for the Merchants

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Quebec 7 May 1787

Sir

Finding that no application has been made to you by the gentlemen of your own city as a Committee which we expected they would have done, a Resolve was this day made by us as the Quebec Committee appointed by the Public the 23rd day of april last, in the following words viz —

That application be made by this Committee to Wm Dummer Powell Esq Barrister at Law of Montreal to examine Cases adjudged in the Courts & thereby shew the "Anarchy & Confusion which have prevailed & do at present prevail in the Laws & Courts of justice of this Province; By which Real property is rendered insecure, Trade is Clogged & that good faith which ought & would subsist among the People & which is the life & Support of Commerce is totally destroyed" as the same is set forth in the petition to his Majesty & both Houses of Parliament dated in November 1784.— And to support the past representations & complaints which have been made in that behalf; And further to Solicit his personal attendance & assistance in that respect, as advocate for this Committee in behalf of the Public when occasion shall offer. —

We refer you to the late Secretary of the Montreal Committee for a perusal of sundry papers containing our Representations to the Legislative Council & the proceedings had thereon; And

Request

Request your Compliance with the above resolve and that you will be pleased to transmit your answer to Thomas Walker Esq our Secretary ~

We are with regard

Sir

Your most obd

& very humble Servts

James Johnston

Geo: J Allsopp.

David Barclay

J. Blackwood

John Young

L Duniere

Will. Goodall

Robert Tesler

Jno Painter

To Wm Dr. Powell Esqr.

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William Dummer Powell Esqr

Barrister at Law

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