

We, the undersigned, do certify, that we were at the burning on the same night, which was on the 7th February, and that his statement is correct.

(signed)	<i>Orell Smith.</i>	<i>Daniel Lines.</i>
	<i>David Smith.</i>	<i>Joseph Merritt.</i>
	<i>Charles Roy.</i>	<i>John Cutler.</i>

The above signers are respectable persons of that neighbourhood.

(signed) *Robert Nelles, J. P.*

2d June 1838.

Niagara, 4 June 1838.

We, the undersigned, do certify, that John Butler, a private soldier belonging to the 2d Company 1st Frontier Light Infantry, was on duty on the night that his house and property were destroyed by fire, which is mentioned in his claim. This man has served on the lines since the month of December 1837.

(signed) *John Clark, Lieut.-Colonel,*  
Commanding 1st Frontier Light Infantry.

(signed) *Lewis Clement, Captain 2d Company,*  
1st Frontier Light Infantry.

#### EVIDENCE on Claim of *John Butler.*

*Richard Butler*, sworn.—Is son of the claimant, John Butler; resides in the township of Grimsby; resided there on the 7th February 1838, living in the house there occupied by his father's family, who was then absent on militia duty on the Niagara frontier; on that night, viz., 7th February 1838, the house was destroyed by fire by incendiaries, as the deponent suspects and believes from the rebels; the fire broke out about midnight, and was first seen to break out from the stoop in front of the house; himself, his mother and family, in all seven, then at home, being aroused by the fire, with difficulty made their escape from the building, which was filled with smoke and burning; found it impossible to save anything from the house, their attention being first directed to get the children out of the house; they are distant from their nearest neighbours above 50 rods; some of the neighbours came to the fire, but could render no assistance in saving the furniture, it being impossible to venture into the burning house, which was eventually totally consumed, his father's household stuff and furniture being burnt in it.

The inventory of articles for which claim is made being read to deponent, he states that to his knowledge they were in the house when destroyed; the money he knows was in the house, having had it in his hands the day before the fire; the pocket-book contained 120 dollars in bank-notes, the greater part being in Bank of Upper Canada notes; the articles enumerated, to the best of his knowledge and belief, are fairly valued.

The house was rented by his father from Merriitt Paulding, late of Grimsby, yeoman, latterly of the town of Niagara, where he kept a tavern, and who left the province soon after the rebellion broke out.

(signed) *Richard Butler.*

Sworn before the Commissioners at Toronto, this 5th November 1838.

(signed)	<i>Alexander Wood,</i>	} Commissioners.
	<i>Robert Stanton,</i>	
	<i>Thomas Carfrue,</i>	

#### No. 2.—CLAIM of *Dr. Horne.*

The Commissioners upon Claims for Losses during the Rebellion.

Gentlemen,

Toronto, 20 November 1838.

I ENCLOSE an estimate of my losses by the rebels when advancing upon this city in December last.

The impossibility of accuracy in making such a return must be obvious; and I trust the Commissioners, taking that into consideration, and the undoubted fact, that the burning of my house saved the whole city from destruction, by exposing to many of the insurgents the true nature of the conspiracy, and by exciting a more determined spirit among the loyalists, will make some allowance in addition for interest, as it may be several years before the claim is paid.

I have, &c.

(signed) *R. C. Horne.*