

the base [Lot Street now Queen Street], of the hundred acre lots reserving between the part that was laid out by your Excellency, and this addition, a large space for public buildings (viz., a church, Court House, jail, market, hospital, school house, etc); most of the lots have been already taken up and about forty houses erected and several more are beginning.

The huts at the garrison requiring considerable repair to render them habitable in winter, I have caused the Block House (which your Excellency originally intended to place on the peninsula) [the present Island was made by a storm in the 50's breaking through the neck of the peninsula at what we now call the 'Eastern Gap'], to be raised on the knoll on this side the Garrison Creek, and fitted as a barrack for 70 men. On the top of it is put a light house, which renders it a convenient and conspicuous object to guide vessels into the harbour. Upon the whole I flatter myself your Excellency will not be displeased with what I have done at this place.

I have been very chaste in my selection of inhabitants for the Long Point settlement [on Lake Erie], and I am bappy to inform your Excellency that in the late alarm of invasion no less than 160 young men turned out volunteers from it. As the militia wanted organization I appointed Captain Rierse [Samuel Ryerse, afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel of Militia], (being of most respectability), to be Lieutenant for the County of Norfolk, and he has shown great zeal in the duties of his station.

The British merchants at Detroit [the British evacuated Detroit, August, 1796], having solicited me to give them a town on that river, where they may reside and carry on their trade with equal convenience, I purchased from the Indians the gore near the Huron Church for their accommodation, and named it Sandwich, and I am informed that several houses have been already built there, and that it promises fair to become soon the most beautiful town in the province.

I am sorry to observe to your Excellency that we are miserably off for churches and clergymen. Mr. Raddish, who came out with the Chief Justice [Eimsley] very strongly recommended by the Duke of Portland, was named by me at his own desire for this place. He has since returned with my leave to Europe, and I very much hope he may come back to us as he is an excellent preacher and an agreeable man. I have recommended to the Bishop that of the £1,000 voted for building churches in this province half may be appropriated to York and £200 each to New Johnston [by Cornwall] and Sandwich, and the remainder to Newark [Niagara-on-the-Lake]. But His Lordship has not yet favoured me with an answer.

In a letter I have lately received from Mr. Osgoode [who had gone to Lower Canada in 1794 as Chief Justice], he advises me to solicit the Lieutenant-Governor of this province in case your Excellency should not incline to return to it. But though I very much want the income to enable me to live in this country, and would be very happy to get rid of the great charge and responsibility of the Receiver-General's office, I yet fear to make a