

himself as having served from the time of leaving the university of Cambridge in the days of George II., in civil and military employment, and that "the dangers and privations of neither war nor climate, of which he had experienced his share in the course of a long service," could slacken his attention to his duties or lessen his zeal. He had been secretary to sir Henry Clinton when in command during the American war, and by him had been brought to the notice of the ministry. *

Russell was the possessor of a great deal of land, and the circumstance of the grants being made from Peter Russell, administrator, to the same person as an individual, gave rise to the belief that he availed himself of his official position to deed himself land without authority. There is, however, no ground for this supposition, for he received authority to grant each executive councillor the total quantity of 6,000 acres, with the understanding that the donation was not to be considered a precedent.† One advantage Russell possessed, his office gave him the opportunity of learning the good locations, and doubtless he profited by it. He certainly possessed a large extent of land, which was advertised by him for sale, as the paper of the day shews.

with the several families, carried on by him during his tenure of office with unwearied diligence. The province has but imperfectly testified its sense of the great historic service rendered by him on this occasion.

Sir Oliver Mowat deserves equal honourable mention. As premier he willingly gave the lieutenant-governor his cordial and effective assistance in the undertaking. It must be distinctly remembered that these portraits are well executed copies from undoubted originals, not of "christened" pictures of dubious worth. From this gallery, for such it may be called, the portrait of general Hunter is absent, although the greatest efforts were made by Mr. Robinson and his friends in England to supply the void. No information of any kind could be obtained regarding his family. There is likewise no knowledge of any papers left by him.

* Peter Russell to Hon. William Windham, 10th of September, 1806, Can. Arch., Q. 305, p. 167. According to Dr. Scadding ["Toronto of Old," p. 34] he was from a collateral branch of the family of the duke of Bedford. As a captain on half-pay, on his death in October, 1808, he was buried with military honours. [Ib., p. 340.]

† Can. Arch., Q. 284, p. 173. Portland to Russell, 5th of November, 1798.