

Correspondence
respecting
Mr. Felton

entreat his Excellency, before he fully makes his decision on the case, to call up the surveyor-general to account for having withheld from the committee of Assembly the document which contained the account of fees due and paid to him by me, which paper also comprised a statement of the lands reserved for my agency, and to require that officer to explain his reasons for allowing the committee to remain in ignorance of the particulars concerning my grants, and the proceedings that had been had in relation thereto, when he must have been aware of the effect of the misapprehension under which they laboured, and which he had it in his power to remedy by a simple exposition of facts and circumstances, of which he was necessarily cognizant.

S. Walcott, &c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *William B. Felton.*

No. 2.

Sir,

Castle St. Lewis, Quebec, 20 July 1836.

His Excellency the Governor-in-chief having called upon Mr. Felton for his remarks on certain charges against him, contained in the second report of the standing committee of grievances of the House of Assembly, relative to his conduct as agent for the townships of Ascot, Hatley, Orford and Stoke, and that gentleman having requested that you may be required to afford an explanation respecting the non production before the House of Assembly in 1835, of a document containing an account of fees paid to you, which he considers to be of great importance to support his case, I have received his Excellency's commands to request that you will convey to me all the information that may be in your power in respect to all the circumstances connected with the document alluded to. The points on which Mr. Felton requests that your attention may be particularly directed are comprised in the following questions :

1. During your stay at Mr. Felton's residence in the month of October 1824, did you receive from him any and what documents relating directly or indirectly to his duties as agent for the townships of Ascot Hatley, Orford and Stoke?
2. Do you consider a statement of fees due to or accruing to you to be a document of a public character, so as to be included in the papers that you are bound to deliver as official documents?
3. Did you receive any fees, and upon what account, from Mr. Felton at that time; if so, state the particulars of amount and services?
4. Did you receive any sum of money from Mr. Felton prior to the day of your arrival at his house, either by draft upon him, or in any other manner; and what was the amount of the sum drawn for by you upon him?
5. Was that sum included in the account rendered, and charged against you?
6. Was the sum paid to you by Mr. Felton, including your draft, equal to the amount that would be due to you, supposing that you were entitled to the fee of 7s. 8d. for each location ticket issued?
7. Did the number of location tickets issued correspond with the number of persons whose names appear upon the lists which you have returned to the Assembly?
8. Were you aware that Mr. Felton obtained the promise of a gratuitous grant of land from the Crown prior to his arrival in this country?
9. Did you ever hear from Mr. Felton, when you met him in London in the year 1814, that he had obtained the promise of 10,000 acres from Lord Bathurst?
10. Were you cognizant of Mr. Felton being entitled to obtain 100 acres of land for each of his labourers?
11. Do you consider that an individual obtaining a grant under the Secretary of State's despatch was subject at that period to the necessity of taking out a location ticket before he obtained his patent?
12. Did Mr. Felton, or any of his associates, take up their grants by location ticket, and did they pay your fee of 7s. 8d.?
13. Do you keep any document of the fees which are paid to you, and if so, be pleased to exhibit the same for the year 1824?

I have, &c.
(signed) *S. Walcot, Civil Secretary.*

P. S.—An early answer is requested.

S. W.

No. 3.

Sir,

Surveyor-general's Office, Quebec, 27 July 1836.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 20th instant, by which I am informed that Mr. Felton has requested that I should be required to afford an explanation respecting the non-production before the House of Assembly, in 1835, of a document containing an account of fees paid to me, which he considers to be of great importance to support his case, and requesting of me to convey to you all the information that might be in my power, in respect to all circumstances connected with the document alluded to. I have therefore the honour to comply with his Excellency the

Governor-