

letters wish to prove to Your Lordship that as a soldier I did my duty; and as a civilian under a British Constitution I expect justice and right to enjoy my property unmolested; the latter privilege I have been debarred from,—I allude to the case of Andrew Berrie and Isaac Firth, who are Trespassers on my property and have kept possession against my will. On my giving them notice to quit the premises they applied to Your Lordship. You were pleased to direct them to keep possession and I am informed, I believe from undoubted authority that Your Lordship has even employed a lawyer at your own expense to defend their cause!!! From Your Lordship's authority and station it is but fair to conclude that any ill opinion of me favoured by Your Lordship may be attended with aggravation and injury to my interest in other quarters, and to which I attribute the conduct of the Lieut.-Governor of the Upper Province toward me.

I shall refrain from further remarks, My Lord, and beg Your Lordship will be pleased to reconsider the subject and to grant me that justice which the case requires. In fact the prejudicial reports which have spread through the country, the privation of the friendship of several gentlemen of the utmost respectability, the duty I owe to the three Honourable Gentlemen before mentioned and to the rest of my friends, require me to take every legal step towards a public justification of my conduct, and to which I humbly hope and trust Your Lordship will be graciously pleased to accede.

I have the Honour to be,

With all due submission,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Humble servant,

JOHN LEBRETON.

Britannia, Ottawa River
30th March, 1827.