

Crown Land Department

Kingston 17th May 1842

In reply to a Letter signed by yourself and three others; I have to inform you that the Lands on the Grand River, have been recently inspected under order in Council; and no Sales can take place, until the Valuation has been approved of by His Excellency in Council; when those that have been in occupation for a Term of Years, and improved, will be considered as having a right to pre-emption. You will be pleased to communicate the above to your Neighbours Messrs Wm McDonald, Donald McKenzie and D. Mc Jamies.

I am &c Signed John Davidson

MS The original was handed to Mrs Bowen of Brantford to be forwarded His Excellency on the 24th April 1844. The above Copy was kept by me before delivering the original and I am willing at any time to testify to its correctness. Signed Arch^d McEwen.

Copy of a Letter the original of which stands in same position as above. H. H. Cheslake
Indian Office Kingston 14th Nov^r 1843

In regard to those persons who have taken possession of Lots of Land and made extensive improvements, the right of pre-emption will be extended to them in all cases where practicable; and in no case will a stranger be permitted to purchase a Lot, in the possession of another person, but on the express condition of paying the Occupant the full value of the improvements thereon. You will confer a favor by making this information generally known to the Settlers, for I have received information from several quarters that there are individuals residing along the River who have circulated reports with respect to the Sale of these Lands, calculated to alarm the people and indeed to induce them to suppose the Government at the suggestion of the Indian Dept^t was disposed to deal harshly with them.

I have &c Signed Saml R Jamies

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West Hamond Jan: 16th 1844

Dear Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge your favor of the 4th Nov^r last, which was post marked at Paris the 15th Current. & received here yesterday consequently as the time has elapsed for holding Towns meetings, it is unnecessary to say anything respecting them. With regard to the value of your improvements on Woodley Lot, the blanks are filled up recommending that he, or whoever maybe the purchaser should pay you the sum which we have valued them at.

I remain &c
Saml R Jamies