

No. 39 should not be reserved for the clergy, and that Lots Nos. 38 and 40 should not be granted; please to lay my claim upon as much of the fronts as the same will cover, comprehending the privileges of the waters of the river, and bound by the channel of said river as already described, provided there should not be broken fronts to the aforesaid Lots, and that 38 and 40 have already been granted, and should No. 39 be reserved for the benefit of the Crown, endeavor to prevail on government to allow my claim to cover it; with the privilege of said waters and islands as described. But should Government not allow my claim to cover No. 39, and should the said Nos. 38 and 40 be already granted, as likewise there may not be any broken fronts; in that case take out a lease for me for No. 39, and endeavor to get a grant from the bank of the west line of No. 39, running to the channel of the river, ten chains below the east line of Lot No. 40, to the main bank including all lands, which is those small islands. I have enclosed my bond together with my bondsmen, for the annual payment of the lease; you will also call upon Captain Farquharson for my letter directed to Thomas B. Gauf, Esquire, who Mr. Chewitt says, was at New York, and had not returned when he left home. You will get Captain Farquharson to open my letter favored by Mr. Burns to Mr. Gauf, in order that you may get my certificate as having taken the oaths required by Government. Should Captain Farquharson not be in possession of my letter to Mr. Gauf, please to call on Mr. Burns, (I think his christian name is William,) I had the pleasure to see him at Cornwall on his way from Quebec to York, on the 8th July last. I enclose you a guinea, and, as I am informed that most of the landed business sent to your care is conducted through the different offices by your son, and further reasonable charge he may make shall be cheerfully paid by a draft at sight, or otherwise, in favor of any person in Cornwall. As Government is knowing to my arduous undertaking at the Bridgewater Works, near the Falls of Niagara, and my perseverance in this kind of business, I flatter myself the Governor in Council will be disposed to encourage me all in their power in commencing business at the Chaudière Falls, on the Ottawa River; it will be the means of settling the wild lands on that River, that is at this present a perfect wilderness, not one settler inhabiting the country; it will be the means of settling the lands upon that line of the Province, which I conceive to be much required. The fees required in getting out my patent, if in your power to procure one, I shall pay to your order in Cornwall on demand. You will greatly oblige me to hasten the business as much as in your power, and forward the deed and lease by the first safe opportunity that may offer, as I am very anxious to get out my timber and build my dam before the freezing of the waters.

I fully expected my letter would have found my friend, Mr. Gauf, in York, on Mr. Burnes' arrival, and expected at all events to have heard from my business by you when last down at Cornwall Court, at my return from Quebec. The acquaintance which I have had the honor to have with you, makes me trust you will use your interest for me. You can observe to the Governor, that the Parish of Cornwall must also feel itself under a small compliment, for having built the Church.

Relying upon your usual goodness,

I subscribe myself,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

(Signed,)

ROBERT RANDALL.

D'Arcy Boulton, Esquire.

No. 20.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose you a draft drawn by Mr. Chewitt, on the Receiver General at York, for £2 9s. 6d., Halifax Currency, which you will please to apply towards the payment of the fees, should a grant for 200 acres of land be made to me by Government; but should Mr. Gauf have returned from New York, and has laid my memorial before the Governor in Council, you will please to give the enclosed draft to him for the aforesaid purpose. Mr. Chewitt leaves this place much later than I expected. Should my business be done through you or Mr. Gauf, you will be very obliging by writing me immediately what Government is