

Bridgewater industries to a Receiver. Later in the same year, 1809, when in Montreal, in connection with his Chaudiere property, one of his creditors had him arrested and sent to jail for debt. Being unable to pay the claim, he remained in confinement for seven years. Randall ascribed this harsh treatment to envy and malice. While he was still in prison the war of 1812 broke out, and his establishment at Niagara was burned to the ground by the invading army. The Receiver made over the property in a somewhat informal way to Colonel Thomas Clarke, who later became Honourable Thomas Clarke. Colonel Clarke went to England and by some means had this very imperfect title changed into a patent from the Crown to himself.