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Any three of them to be a quorum.

One of the first duties then put upon this Land Board was to lay out a township, to be called Georgetown, but still there was delay.

On August 22nd, 1789, the Land Board reported to Lord Dorchester that Mr. McNiff, the surveyor, had not yet arrived, and that none of the lands had yet been purchased from the Indians for the Crown, and that the Indians had some years before granted these lands to private individuals

September 2, 1789, Lord Dorchester instructed the Land Board to receive applications from the occupants for grants, stating extent and value of Tracts and Improvements and the grounds of their claims, and the Board are to give certificates including the improvements. The Board was also to have Mr. McKee obtain from the Indians all the lands west of Niagara for settlement, the cession to include all lands held by private individuals from the Indians by private sale.

October 17th, 1789, the Land Board reported that all the land was claimed, and asked for power to settle the claims, according to their best judgment.

May 19th, 1790, the Indians (Ottawas, Chippewas, Pottawatomies and Hurons) cede to the Crown all the land from Chaudiere or Catfish Creek on the East, to the Detroit on the West, and from the Thames to Chenail Ecarte on the North to Lake Erie, including the grant of 1784 before referred to, but reserving a tract seven miles square north of the 1784 grant and also a small tract at the Huron Church (Sandwich).

The settlement of the land dispute appears to have gone on slowly. Surveyor McNiff and the Land Board did not agree. McNiff claimed to be acting under direct orders from Quebec. Many of the settlers got tired waiting for recognition of their claims and left the country, some doubtless going over to