

Hamnett Pinhey, Esquire, and Captain Street, Royal Navy. I mentioned it to them and asked them individually to join me in the purchase, which they for pecuniary reasons declined. I beg to ask Your Lordship if this was acting clandestinely; and if I wished to impose upon Government (if purchasing land can be so called) the very lot of land adjoining, which Your Lordship was pleased to purchase for Government for £750 had been previously offered to me for £15.

And even, My Lord, had I known that it was required for Government service, not being authorized to purchase it for them, had I not a right to purchase it for myself if my means would allow me? Had Your Lordship ever intimated to me that the land was required for Government I would either have purchased it for the Government or not purchased it at all. Is it because I have served His Majesty, and I trust with honour, that I am not allowed to better my situation in life? What situation of honour or profit has Your Lordship ever bestowed on me? None, my Lord, whilst numbers of Officers in this Province hold offices of honour and profit who cannot produce such testimonials of their services as I have the honour herewith to lay before Your Lordship, besides the General Orders and Despatches of this Country during the late war, to which I beg leave to refer Your Lordship. And will not Your Lordship's generosity allow me any credit for the establishment which I have made in this country at the expense of seven thousand pounds? It is not an establishment, My Lord, where the American Independence is celebrated by the Firing of His Britannic Majesty's Cannon, I beg to refer Your Lordship to Major Elliott and Captain Grant of the steamboat for the explanation. But an establishment noted for Loyalty, Industry and Sobriety, and I trust worthy of the name with which it is honored.

I have the honour to lay before Your Lordship herewith copies of two letters, one from His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, alluding to services performed when an Ensign not 18 years of age, the other from the late Major General Proctor at the close of the late war, I merely by those