

PETITION OF WILLIAM FORSYTH.

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A PETITION to the House of Assembly, from *William Forsyth*, Proprietor of the Niagara Falls Pavilion, in the Township of Stamford, and County of Lincoln.

PRESENTED BY JOHN MATTHEWS, ESQUIRE.

Ordered, by The House of Assembly, to be Printed, 28th January, 1823.

*Unto the Honourable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada.*

The humble Petition of *William Forsyth*, Proprietor of the Niagara Falls Pavilion, in the Township of Stamford, and County of Lincoln,

SHewETH:—

**T**HAT your petitioner did, sometime in the year 1821, purchase from William Dickson, Esquire, a tract of land in Stamford, adjoining the cataract of Niagara, being composed of Lot No. 159, with the broken front between it and the Niagara river—also other parts of lots, the whole of which was granted to one Francis Ellesworth thirty years ago, and has ever since been in his and his successors' peaceable possession.

That in the original grant from the crown to said Ellesworth, the line in one place runs southerly parallel the shore of the river, "thence east to within one chain of the said river fifty chains, then northerly along the bank, always at the distance of one chain from the top of the bank."

That your petitioner is the proprietor of two other farms on the bank of the Niagara river, both of which are bounded according to the description in the conveyances by the bank of the said Niagara river, with the stream, save and except the government reservation of one chain from the edge of the bank of the river bounding the waters thereof.

That the said chain along the river's edge was reserved for public purposes, will fully appear by the contents of a letter from Major General Darling, by order of the commander of the forces, hereto annexed; notwithstanding which, Messrs. Thomas Clark & Samuel Street have warned your petitioner not to trespass on said lands, which they state to have been leased to them last August, under the great seal of the colony.

That notwithstanding this their warning, it was argued by the Solicitor General, last assizes, in open court, that the lease had been granted to said Street & Clark, for a public highway.

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