

ing the lot granted to James Black to be laid out in such form and quantity as your Honor in your wisdom may deem proper.

And your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray—

Dorchester 24th, July 1814.

his  
Peter X Gould  
mark

his  
Alexander X Sonia  
mark

6th, Aug., 1814. The situation applied for in this Memorial is vacant—the applicants have not received any grant or allotment.

GEO. SPROULE.

The within request takes in land formerly applied for by Joseph Victor White and others, but in consequence of Stephen Behm and associates obtaining a grant of a part of it, they have abandoned their application.

We therefore beg leave to recommend the within named persons as deserving the land they ask for.

John Keiller,  
Andrew Wheldon, J. P.  
Eben Cutler .

#### Col. DesBarres' Case

Col. DesBarres, famous for his coastal surveys had an ambition to become a land owner, and he secured from the government of Nova Scotia and by purchase 3,000 acres at Minadie, 3,000 acres at Maccan and Nappan, 20,000 at Tatamagouche and 20,000 at Memramcook, altogether 56,000 acres, or nearly 600 square miles. This immense property became only a source of worry, expense and disappointment to him. The Minudie estate was settled by Acadians; the Maccan and Nappan by Yorkshire people; the Tatamagouche by Swiss and Germans, amongst whom were the Tattries, Bigneys, Langilles, Grattens, Jodfreys, Patriquens, and other well known families. The Memramcook was partially settled by Acadians under agreement and partially by Acadian squatters. In 1787, one Mary Cannon filed a Memorial with the New Brunswick Government, stating she had power of Attorney from Col. DesBarres to act for him respecting lands on the Memramcook and Petitcodiac Rivers, originally granted to Col Gorham, and officers of his corps for which she paid £1,500. DesBarres settled 50 Acadian families whom he paid for dyking and draining the marshes. When she called upon these tenants for rents, she was informed by them that some of them had obtained grants and others expected to.

Those having obtained grants were Joseph LeBlanc, Fearman LeBlanc, Paul LeBlanc and Peter Budro and son. The lands occupied by them were granted to Major Skeen who paid £350 for dyking and draining the marsh, etc. Mr. DesBarres purchased them from Major Skeen.

This memorial was to advise the government of the colonizing work done by DesBarres. It seems that the government left him to his legal remedies.