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Sir

I am very sorry to have occasion to lay these particulars of our situation before your Excellency, and would have been extremely happy had I been able to dispense with troubling you with them, and had our situation left us without any other cause of addressing you than that of expressing the pleasure we feel at your safe arrival at this place.

The particulars are as follows— After the conclusion of the Peace, we applied to Gen. <sup>H</sup>aldimand for a grant of the river, we now inhabit, which he gave us, six miles on each side the river, from its entry into Lake Erie to its source— he then promised us in the strongest manner, he would give us writings from him as Governor to confirm the grant, which he did, and we now have them in our possession— in consideration of this, at the time an account of the land was given in we did not include in it any of the wood lands we left on the Mohawk river, only the cleared lands we made use of were mentioned— from these reasons and the repeated assurances of the Governor just named, that the land should be indisputably our own, we never suspected that it would be otherwise— the first reason we had to doubt it, was while Governor Simcoe was at Quebec previous to his arrival here, we found by his correspondence with the land board here, that they meant to enclose more than half our lands, and by this we learnt that the written titles to our lands given us by Gen. <sup>H</sup>aldimand were liable to be disputed, for that reason on the arrival of Governor Simcoe, we applied to him for a deed such as is given for other lands; but the one he offered us, was not equal to that in our possession, for it left us no more than residents on the land, depriving us of the power either of leasing, lending, or selling any part of it— again he offered us a second one; but it was such a complicated thing, that we could not accept it— We therefore