

would appear that in reply to this letter, Governor Frederick Haldimand wrote to Lieutenant-Governor Hay to encourage Captains Caldwell and Elliott to settle on the land. We see, therefore, that in 1784 settlement of the Malden township first began, in a somewhat irregular manner. The settlers were not exactly squatters, they had the consent of the Indians, the recognition of the Lieutenant-Governor of Detroit, and, apparently, the approval of the Governor of Quebec. Their settlement was to be known as Fredericksburg, whether after Sir Frederick Haldimand or after Frederick, the son of George III., cannot be stated.

On August 14th, 1784, Governor Haldimand wrote to Lieutenant-Governor Hay that Colonel Caldwell, of Colonel Butler's late corps, had applied to him for sanction to settle on the land; that he could not confirm the grant, but that they should "carry on their improvements until the land could be laid out and granted according to the King's instructions." Mr. McKee was to be directed to get the Indians to make over the land to the King, but that "two thousand yards from the center would be reserved on all sides for the purpose of establishing a fort."

Here we have the first suggestion of the future Fort Amherstburg, and the promise of the town.

On July 16th of this year (1784), Mr. Hay reported finding "only one" loyalist at Detroit, i. e., a loyalist who had come to settle on the British soil; on August 5th, he reported finding twelve, and on September 2nd he sends a list of forty-eight, also one woman and two children.

Haldimand, however, retired from the Governorship on the 15th of November, 1784, and after two years was succeeded by Lord Dorchester (October 23rd, 1786). The possession of the lots soon became a subject of inquiry. It was claimed that Lord Dorchester, in 1787, gave instructions for Major Matthews to investigate the situation, and he laid out 97 lots in the best manner possible, and confirmed the original squatters or owners in the possession of their lands as far as possible, in accordance with the Indian grant of 1784. The 97 lots were apparently on Lake Erie, east of the grant afterwards called the Township of Malden.

A Committee of the Council at Quebec in 1791 appears to have admitted that Lord Dorchester gave orders to this effect. As orders in those days had

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