

CORRESPONDENCE between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Governors of *Canada*, and Mr. *W. B. Felton*, relative to Lands Granted to the said *W. B. Felton*.

— No. 1. —

COPY of a LETTER from Mr. *Felton* to the Earl *Bathurst*.

My Lord,

London, Spring-gardens, 12 November 1814.

DEVOTED from my infancy to His Majesty's service, I find myself impelled to obtrude my pretensions on your Lordship's notice, in the conviction that my claims will be attended to with the liberality usual to His Majesty's Government; I therefore take the liberty of representing to your Lordship, that after several years of acknowledged meritorious service in the post of naval-agent victualler, I was induced to accept the temporary appointment of consul at Leghorn, in the confident expectation of being confirmed, sacrificing the permanent situation of agent at Gibraltar, with a salary of 600*l.* per annum, and other advantages; but as I find that my Lord Castlereagh's arrangements do not permit me to hope for confirmation, I am obliged to direct my views to other pursuits. Understanding that His Majesty's Government has it in contemplation to give encouragement to persons of respectability and capital disposed to settle in Canada, I offer to proceed immediately with my family, and in company with the families of three other gentlemen named below, to establish ourselves on the land allotted to us, engaging to take with us a number of families of hemp-growers from the north of Italy, and some families from England, and to employ on the land a capital exceeding 20,000*l.*, on condition of receiving for myself and family, in consideration of my services and my present engagements, a grant of 5,000 acres of the waste lands in the townships of Inverness, Ireland, Wolfstown, Chester or Tingwick, in the province of Lower Canada, together with such future addition as the number of settlers we may establish beyond the proportion required for the 5,000 acres may require; the persons undernamed being granted the usual quantity of 1,200 acres each, for themselves and families:

Mr. Charles Whitcher and family;

Mr. John Felton and family;

Mr. Charles Bridgman Felton and family.

Our object being the *bonâ fide* settlement of ourselves and families in the country we have pointed out, we engage that every exertion shall be used to establish settlers of the most valuable description, and in the greatest numbers our capital can command; and it is submitted to your Lordship's consideration, whether the encouragement of conveying such families as may embark in England in transports as far as Quebec, can with propriety be afforded us. I beg to refer your Lordship for any particulars relative to my services, public and private character, to his Excellency Lord William Bentinck; Lord Exmouth; to all the Naval Boards; and, as touching my claims as consul at Leghorn, to the Secretary of State for the Foreign Department.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. B. Felton*.

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— No. 2. —

COPY of a LETTER from Mr. *Felton* to the Earl *Bathurst*.

My Lord,

London, 9 December 1814.

IN reference to my application for a grant of land in the province of Lower Canada, I beg leave to request your Lordship will be pleased to direct that I may be allowed to rent, on the usual terms, the Crown and Clergy Reserves contained within the allotment marked out for me and my companions; and also that your Lordship will allow another person, proposing to accompany me, a similar quantity of land to that requested for the others: the name of the person in question is William Whitcher.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. B. Felton*.

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