

"Nepean, 8th May, 1819.

Sir,—

I had the honour of addressing you last Autumn, but not knowing your address correctly, I am doubtful of your having received it. The purport of that letter as well as the present was to know if you would dispose of a part of your lot of land on the Falls of the Chaudiere, as I should be glad to have one or two acres either by sale or lease. I have not the honour of being known to you personally, but having served in the late war in various parts of Canada and particularly the part of the Country where you at present reside, and although my military occupation prevented my having much communication with the gentlemen of your neighbourhood, I believe you will obtain information of me from Mr. Samuel Street, although but little acquainted with that gentleman. I was at that time Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master General and at present have retired at Captain's half pay, of the Sixteenth Regiment, and having drawn some lands in this Country have taken up my residence at the Rapids des Chenes five miles from your lot, and as the whole of that distance is land carriage, I find a great inconvenience for want of place to store my goods at the landing and am now obliged to build a small store of round logs on your property, which, if not agreeable to you, I will immediately remove, but if you will either sell or lease one or two acres at the lower point, next to the island in the Bay, I shall be glad to know your terms by the earliest opportunity.

There is a person here by the name of Burrows, who pretends to be agent for that property, alias Honey, but as I could not believe that he was entrusted with any property I have not applied to him. If you have no agent here, and that I can be in any way serviceable in that line, though not with the view of pecuniary motive, but merely for the advancement and settling of the country, I beg you will command me; I shall at all times feel happy to communicate with you on the subject. Should your business at any time lead you to York please mention my name to Judge