

1818.

(In the certificate by Lt. Col. Wells, it is stated that he volunteered to lead the forlorn hope at the siege of Badajos in April, 1812).

August 17,
Tavistock
Hotel.

Nichol to Bathurst. Prays for an answer to his application for land as he is anxious to return to Upper Canada. Page 406

August 19,
Kew.

Taylor to Goulburn. Calls attention to memorial from Bird, sent in February for consideration. 450

August 21,
Cupar Fife.

James Wilson to Bathurst. Reports that Gourlay who has been on a political tour in Upper Canada, is from the village of Craigrothie, his father was a land speculator who became bankrupt. The son rented a farm from his father, but fled, a warrant being issued for his apprehension; settled in England on a farm, but quarrelled with his landlord, was deprived of it and went to Canada. He is a man of no principle desperate in fortune and may prove a dangerous adventurer in Canada. 454

August 24,
Tavistock
Hotel.

Nichol to Goulburn. Did not expect to receive lands under any other conditions than were granted to other military officers, but calls attention to the loss he had sustained by his property being taken possession of, which amounts to £10,000. 407

August 25,
Vere Street.

Halton to the same. Has had frequent letters from inhabitants of Upper Canada who assisted in defending the province, asking if it is intended that they shall be paid for the losses caused by the war in which many were ruined. Reminds him of the Board appointed to investigate these losses which reported in July, 1816, but no relief has yet been granted, causing great dissatisfaction. Will make no remarks on any of the claims but one, estimated by the commissioners at £5,906 16s. 4d. for supplies and labour. Is aware of the order respecting the forfeited estates, but it may be years before purchasers are found, or if they can be obtained the lands would not produce one-sixth part of the losses, as the forfeited estates are subject to the debts of the proprietors who fled and various heavy charges must accrue. Several letters mention that those subjects of the United States who sustained losses during the war, living in several cases in view of the Upper Canadians, have long ago received remuneration from their government. May he report that it is intended to apply to Parliament on behalf of the Upper Canadian sufferers? 219

August 25,
Downing
Street.

Goulburn to Taylor. Regrets the delay in Bird's case; it has now been cleared of its incumbrances, and the memorial sent to the Treasury, whose decision he hopes soon to communicate. 451

August 28,
Whitehall
Place.

Adams to Goulburn. Repeats his request for authorities to be submitted to the Audit Office in respect to certain salaries charged in his account, so as to have it settled. 226

September 4,
Tavistock
Hotel.

Nichol to the same. Acknowledges receipt of Bathurst's decision on his application for lands; that being final, asks that the necessary recommendations to Maitland be procured for him. 411

September 9,
Tavistock
Hotel.

Same to the same (private). Corrects an error as to the rate of tonnage duty, stated in a previous letter. 412

September 11,
Clonmell.

Major Nicholls to the same. Desires to know as the fees on land grants were very considerable when he left Upper Canada, if in the present instance the land will be given free of expense, and if he can procure the grant before the reduction takes place. Asks for the necessary forms for application. 413

October 6,
Tavistock
Hotel.

Nichol to the same (private). Transmits papers respecting the case of Mrs. Bostwick, widow of Lt. Col. Bostwick, which he has detailed in an official communication as written to Sir Francis de Rottenburg on the subject. The low circumstances of the widow. 415

Enclosed. Same date. Statement of the services of Lt. Col. Bostwick. 416