

The Executive Government did report the circumstances of the grant to the aid-de-camp in such plain terms as inclined the honorable feeling of the principal Secretary for War and the Colonies to address to the Government of Upper Canada the following expression of indignation which was communicated to the parties.

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When the peremptory letter was communicated there was serving in the province a young gentleman, brother to the under Secretary of State, who accompanied the grantee to visit his estate and is supposed to have represented that the case had been exaggerated beyond the true coloring, that it would never have reached England if the grantee had consented to yield his prize, not to the supposed sufferer, Mr. Solomon Moore, but to his advocate the member of the Executive Council who first used his personal influence with the grantee to that effect, and then made himself a party in the executive Council to influence the general officer who had bestowed this prize on his personal friend and who failing in his attempt induced Solomon Moore to pass by the local authorities and present his case to the highest power in a dress to excite attention. Something like this is supposed from an otherwise unaccountable change in the opinion and sentiments of the Secretary of State without any known or assigned cause at least none made known to the Colonial Government when it received instructions to forbear further interference in the transactions with Moore Plomerfeldt etc.

Original in possession of George Murray Jarvis, Ottawa, Ont., in hand writing of Chief Justice Wm. Dummer Powell and Endorsed

“Jeremiah Moore,
French Military Chest,
Lieut. Col. Hunter,
Solomon Moore,
Major Loring,
M. Geul Gordon,
Salt Springs.”

There was a well known salt spring in the Township of Louth and I find that on 3d March, 1814, a grant of 700 acres was made to Robert R. Loring in that township. Loring was then A.D.C. and Mil-Secty. to Lieut.-General Sir Gordon Drummond, Military Administrator of Upper Canada ——— E. C. The member of the Executive Council was probably Mr. Powell himself.