

they was for a long time unprotected against the depredations of the enemy; and to assign any other reason that may occur why our property or any part of it ought not to revert to the Crown.

Instead of our being stripped of our Rights to make amends for the losses of the Loyalists who was plundered in New York or elsewhere we have at least as weighty reasons as they possibly can offer to claim restitution from Gov't for the value of all the property taken from us, our distresses by Imprisonment &c. They had a numerous British army to protect them, we had to combat the sons of darkness alone; In a word we had much less than they to hope for by unshaken loyalty, and incomparably more to fear.

I must beg that you will not engage the Old House * longer than till May. I must remove from hence as soon as the Spring opens if not before.

I am Gentlemen

Your Very Humble Servant

JA: SIMONDS.

Messrs. Hazen & White —

No. 24.

March 13, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

Having wrote you some time since in answer to your letter on the subject of the lands lying to the eastward of the former Grants, but did not explain the Terms in which you might be interested in the Right that I had purchased of David Fletcher. My meaning was that you should have two thirds of the Tract for the same number of acres of your lands at Rushigonis [on the Oromocto] both to be made equal for quantity and quality through the tracts. In the ratification of such exchange (which if you agree to on your parts) I hereby promise to comply with what I have proposed on my part upon demand, after the Grant is made to Fletcher and his Deeds executed to me for which he is under large bonds.†

As many have applied to me for leases of some Land near the Town of Parr and near the Indian House, if you think it will be for the

* The Old House here referred to was no doubt the House built by James Simonds in 1762 upon the site of an old French Fort that had previously stood at Portland Point.

† Messrs. Hazen and White objected to this arrangement between Simonds and Fletcher and Wm. Hazen shortly after went to Halifax and induced the Government to grant the tract referred to to Lieut. Wm. Graves. The latter conveyed it for a small sum to Messrs. Hazen & White. The dispute that arose out of this transaction was the cause of prolonged litigation between the parties.