

Memorandum:

~~James~~  
 Michel Nicolas, the  
 Indian alluded to, in the annexed  
 letter from ~~W. Hughes~~, late ~~Superintendent~~  
 of the Indian Department, prepared a  
 petition to ~~the Hon. Secy of the~~ <sup>the Hon. Secy of the</sup> ~~Interior~~  
 in the month of March 1840 in order  
 to obtain the necessary title to certain  
 Lots of Land in the Township of  
 Rawdon ~~in the~~ District of Montreal,  
 on which he had previously been  
 settled ~~for a number of years~~  
 and had made ~~various~~ <sup>extensive improvements</sup> ~~improvements~~.

It is ~~thought~~ ~~probable~~ that this petition was referred to Mr  
 Davidson at that time ~~Commissioner~~  
 then in charge of Crown Land <sup>Department</sup>, but no ~~reference~~ <sup>reference</sup> of  
 the result of such reference has  
 since been made to the ~~Dept of~~  
 Department for the information of the petitioners.

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