

To His Excellency the right Honorable Charles
Theophilus Barrow Maitland of Turnhill in the
County of Berks Q. B. & C. One of her Majesty's
Most Honorable Privy Council Governor General
of British North America &c

The Memorial of Frederick John Cheshire & George Strong
of the Township of Inscaron Grand River, Canada West.

Humbly Sheweth -

That your Memorialists have been deputed at a Public Mtg
of Settlers on the above tract to "lay before your Lordship Memorials and facts
connected with settlement on lands on the Grand River".

In applying themselves to this duty your Mem^{ts} beg to read
Petitions and Memorials transmitted your Excellency so far back as Dec^r
28th 1844. together with Letters & copies of Letters written to the Settlers.
from the Offices of Crown Lands and Indian Departments. and your
Memorialists dare to assure your Excellency that nearly twelve months having
elapsed since those Petitions were transmitted a very great amount of
patient endurance has been evinced by the Settlers. as your Excellency
may conceive when you are informed that they are only replied to as follows.

Read Comm^r Thorburn's public Notice of Sep^r 18th 1845.

This document has caused a very great amount of surprise
and alarm both in the Settlement and Neighbourhood. but at the same
time the firm conviction that your Excellency could only sanction such
a procedure in the absence of the facts of the case -

- Your Memorialists beg to call the attention of your Excellency
1st to the fact that the Indians themselves made surrender of these lands in
Trust to the Government for Sale and Lease -
- 2nd The Government Surveyors have surveyed out lots the whole tract, at the
same time intimating to the Settlers such survey and valuation was purposed
for Sale -
- 3rd The Officers of Government & of the Indian Dept. have written the Letters