

he acknowledges the receipt of nine dollars from me on account of nine lots, of which of course I am supposed to have been in possession at the time by Mr. Wickstead, or if not in possession of the whole, to have the power, or right, or permission is granted to me by the aforesaid document of picking out for myself in any range beyond No. 10, the quantity of land sufficient to make up nine lots, which would contain 810 acres—whereas Mr. Wickstead declares in a letter published in the Quebec Mercury of the 1st inst. that “He never gave the Suitters or any of them any promise either verbal or written, express or implied, or any location ticket, deed or title of any land whatsoever, except the 630 acres of which they have deeds passed before F. X. Ponsant, N. P., &c.” Now 630 acres are only equal to 7 lots, and the copy of the letter above adverted to, addressed to A. Mc Kee, proves beyond power of contradiction, notwithstanding Mr. Wickstead’s strong assertions in his letter published in the Mercury—that he had actually received nine dollars in part payment of 9 lots.

But I forbear to say any thing further on this subject; these are the facts, and I unhesitatingly leave it with a discerning public to pronounce a verdict, knowing that they will do justice as they love mercy. As I have said, I took my gun in my hand and proceeded alone to the clearance with the view certainly of endeavouring to cause Lane to desist from taking forcible possession of what I conceived to be my property, to leave off attempting to erect a log house and to return home; but (God knows) without the least malice in my heart towards him or any forethought of evil against him. While therefore I acknowledge the justice of the sentence passed upon myself and my unfortunate boys, and thank the Judge for his impartiality in summing up the evidence against us, and for the feeling manner in which he passed the sentence of the law, and also the Jury for their long and patient consideration of the evidence before giving in their verdict, (which I believe was a verdict according to conscience) yet I must declare that the crime of *Murder* was never either contemplated or perpetrated by any of us.

I leave my best blessing with my last farewell to my dear wife and my dear children. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all and rest with you all in righteousness, justice, wisdom and truth. Seek God early, it is surely the straightway to heaven, God will bless you by so doing; serve your neighbour at every time you can being either Brother or Sister to us all. I die in peace and charity with all men, and