

Correspondence  
respecting  
Mr. Felton.

13. I beg to refer to my answer to the 2d Query. By the books, in which are noted as memoranda the annual returns to Government, the sum of 149*l*. (calculated on the average of three years) appears to have been received as fees by the surveyor-general in 1824.

I have, &c.

S. Walcott, Esq.,  
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *Jos. Bouchette*,  
His Majesty's Surveyor-general.

No. 4.

House of Assembly, Wednesday, 2 March 1836.

Resolved. THAT the witnesses Daniel Weir and William Dodds were examined by Mr. Gagy, before the committee of grievances, on the same occasion and at the same time, on the charges preferred against the Hon. Wm. B. Felton, and that after the examination was concluded, a series of nine separate questions, furnished in writing by Mr. Bedard, as submitted on behalf of Mr. Felton, jun., was propounded to each of the said witnesses.

Resolved, That the testimony given by the said witnesses at the first examination was correctly recorded, but that without the intervention of any member of this house, the answers of the said Wm. Dodds to the four last interrogations of the said series so furnished by Mr. Bedard, after the said first examination had been concluded, were appended to the testimony of the said Daniel Weir, and the four last answers of the said D. Weir to the said series, were appended to the evidence of the said Wm. Dodds, by a mistake originating in the fact of their examination being had at the same time and place.

Resolved, That, although the matters of detail, relative to which the said Wm. Dodds testified, and which were, by mistake, appended to the evidence of the said D. Weir, have no relation to the merits of the said charges, or any bearing on the points at issue between this house and the said Hon. W. B. Felton, it is expedient to correct the said error, and to verify the said mistake, by appending the four last answers to the said series to the parties who gave them respectively, that is to say, by appending the four last answers now erroneously attributed to the said Daniel Weir, to the evidence of the said Wm. Dodds, and by taking the four last answers of the said Daniel Weir from the testimony of the said Wm. Dodds, and replacing them at the end of the testimony of the said Daniel Weir.

Resolved, That the said witness, William Dodds, be discharged from any further attendance.

Attest.

(signed) *W. B. Lindsay*, Clerk of Assembly.

No. 5.

Castle St. Lewis, Quebec, 6 August 1836.

Sir,

WITH reference to what has passed between the local government and yourself on the subject of the charges preferred against you by the House of Assembly in its last session, and contained in the second report of the standing committee of grievances, and more particularly with reference to my communication to you of the 13th of June last, informing you that inasmuch as no letters patent had actually issued conveying to you the 913 acres of land claimed by you for agency in your memorial of the 30th of May 1834, the intended legal proceedings against you could not take place, and consequently that the whole case must in the first instance be determined by the Governor-in-chief; I have received his Excellency's commands to acquaint you, that having afforded you the most full and unrestricted opportunities for meeting the charges brought against you, of which you have availed yourself, and having maturely weighed all that you have advanced, both orally and in writing, his Excellency regrets that he is unable to state that your explanations are satisfactory to him. The circumstance that no letters patent have been issued, conveying to you the land you claimed for agency, does not in his mind affect the moral character of that part of the transaction to which it relates, neither can he concur in the view which you have taken of the Secretary of State's despatch of the 7th of Dec. 1816, in regard to the land which was to be gratuitously assigned to your labourers.

Under this impression his Excellency has come to the conclusion to lay the whole of your case, with the proceedings of the Assembly, before His Majesty's Government for final decision; and he feels it to be his painful duty to suspend you from the duties of your office as commissioner of Crown lands until His Majesty's pleasure in this matter shall be known.

I have, &c.

(signed) *S. Walcott*, Civil Secretary.

Hon. *W. B. Felton*,  
&c. &c. &c.