

acquits himself with peculiar ability and application. Major Littlehales appeared to possess the confidence of the country. This is not unfrequently the case with men in place and power ; but his worth, politeness, prudence and judgment give this officer peculiar claims to the confidence and respect which he universally enjoys."

Among the manuscript documents of Surveyor General D. W. Smith, lately secured for the Public Library of Toronto, there may be seen many letters in the hand-writing of Major Littlehales. The following is of considerable interest, as relating to an intended grant of land in Upper Canada for the accommodation of French Royalist refugees.

YORK, 27th October, 1793.—The undermentioned extract of a letter from His Excellency Lieut.-Governor Simcoe to Messrs. Desjardins and La Corne, French Missionaries, I have the honour to transmit to you agreeably to His Excellency's instructions, and I am, sir, your most obedient and very humble servant, E. B. LITTLEHALES.

D. W. SMITH, Esq., Acting Surveyor-General.—"The Executive Council of this country have agreed with me to reserve for the French emigrants a township in the vicinity of Burlington Bay ; this station I selected, as considering those townships united the most desirable requisites for a general settlement of any part of the Province, which was personally known to me, for such French gentlemen as might be likely to emigrate in a body."

It may be added that the site of this proposed settlement of French Royalist Refugees was ultimately on the Oak Ridges, north of York, and not on Burlington Bay.

The following letter, addressed to the Surveyor General touching as it does on the value of a hundred-acre lot at York in 1801, is of interest.

DUBLIN CASTLE, June 26, 1801.—Your letter of the 23rd of January, 1801, has but just reached me, and in reply to its contents I have to thank you for the trouble that you have taken to procure for me the proper warrant for the hundred acre lot, which was granted to me at York Town by the Governor-in-Council in Upper Canada, and I feel much indebted to your kindness in having sold it to Mr. Justice Alcock for \$900. I enclose a petition to the Lieutenant-Governor for the deed to issue to Mr. Alcock conformably to your suggestion, and I will send you a full power of attorney, regularly executed and bearing date the 14th of April, 1800 ; if, however, Mr. Alcock will pay me on the receipt of this letter and on your communicating the substance of it to him, 800 dollars instead of 900 on the 1st of January, 1801, it will be more convenient and satisfactory to me. I shall have very particular pleasure in attending to your wishes, but I must observe that since my noble friend, Lord Corn-