

# Memorial

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Charles Stanley  
Viscount Monck, Baron Monck of Ballytrammion, in the  
County of Wexford, Governor General, &c., &c., &c.,  
IN COUNCIL.

The Memorial of MARY MCCORMICK, widow and relict of William McCormick, late of the Island of Point-au-Pelée, in Lake Erie, Esquire, deceased; of David, William, Thomas, Lucinda E., Peregrine, Arthur and Sarah Ann, the surviving sons and daughters of the said late William McCormick, all being devisees in his last Will and Testament; and of Francis Burwell, Charlotte Louisa, Walter Herbert, William Charles and Malcolm Talbot, the sons and daughters of John McCormick, late of the said Island, Esquire, deceased, who died intestate, and who was also one of the sons and devisees in the said Will of the said late William McCormick;—

Humbly sheweth—

1. That on the first day of May, 1788, the Chiefs and Sachems of the Bands of the Chippewa and Ottawa Nations of Indians, then owning and inhabiting the said Island, executed, with all due solemnity, and delivered to Thomas McKee, who was a half-breed, and a Chief, and then of the Parish of L'Assomption, in the then Province of Quebec, a Lease of the said Island, for a term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, which Lease was duly attested by, as subscribing witnesses, James Allen, then of Detroit, in the then Indian Territories, and François Baby, then of L'Assomption aforesaid, and afterwards of the Town of Windsor, in the County of Essex, Esquire, deceased, and who represented, in Parliament, the said County for many years; a true copy of which said Lease, marked (A,) accompanies this Memorial.

2. That the said Thomas McKee, immediately after the execution and delivery of the said Lease, entered into possession of the said Island, thereunder, and continued in such possession, by himself and his tenants, up to the time of his death, which occurred in the month of March of the year 1815, when his only child, Alexander McKee, of L'Assomption, in the then District of Hesse, Esquire, deceased, inherited his interest therein, the said Thomas McKee died intestate.

3. That the said Lease was taken by the said Thomas McKee, with his baggage, by the enemy, on the occasion of the retreat of the British forces after the battle of the Thames, (in which he had previously served during the last war with the United States, the said Lease having, however, been duly enrolled according to the French law, prevailing in the then Province of Quebec, by William Monforton, Esquire, as a Notary Public, in a registry book, and as such Notary, on pages 293 and 294 thereof; the said book being one of three old registry books which are more particularly referred to and described in the Memorial of John Smart, accompanying this Memorial, and marked (B). That the said Memorial Registry Book of the said William Monforton, with the affidavits of Charles Monforton, the grandson of the said Notary, and of one Charles Labadie, attesting the genuineness of the said book, and further identifying the same, is herewith exhibited.

That Your Excellency's Memorialists respectfully submit that the said Registry Book bears, on its face, and by the evidence of its own authenticity.

4. That it was on the 19th May, 1790, upwards of two years after the execution of the said Lease, that the territory extending from Catfish Creek, in what is now the County of Kent, to the Chenango River, in what is now the County of Kent—opposite a portion of the territory then ceded to the Crown by the Indians, and of such extent as appears by the terms of such Deed, to have been negotiated by the said McKee, Esquire, who was the father of the said Thomas McKee, is entered in the others of the said three old registry books; that two of the said registry books, of which that last mentioned is one, appear to have been deposited in the Registry Office of the then Western District of Upper Canada, upon the establishment of which they still remain; whereas, that of the said