

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Cathcart,
Administrator of the Government of the Province of Canada - Commander in Chief
of Her Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of the undersigned, Daniel Whitesell, of the
township of Malahide in the London District and Province of Canada - Farmer - son of
the late Andrew Whitesell, an Enrolled U.E. Loyalist. . . . Humbly sheweth.

James Henderson Agent

That your Petitioner was located by the Honourable Colonel Talbot,
soon after the commencement of the Talbot Settlement, upon a lot of Two Hundred
Acres of Land - being lot number Eighty-seven South on Talbot Road East, in the
said township of Malahide - under the expectation of receiving a Free Grant from
the Crown for the same - as being the son of an Enrolled U.E. Loyalist. That
your Petitioner appeared before the Quarter Sessions and obtained the usual Certificate
pursuant to the first of January 1843 - That your Petitioner was not aware that
the Statute 4th & 5th Victoria, Chapter 100, could affect or do away with such
his acknowledged Right to two hundred acres of land, and humbly begs leave to
suggest that his is no New Claim to Land founded upon any regulation or order of
the Provincial Government, but rather - as your Petitioner was always led to
believe, and fondly trusts that he may still be permitted to transmit the sentiments
connected with such belief, to his children, along with the original and Free Grant from
the Crown for his Farm - an Old Claim - a reward granted the Loyalists and their
children by his late Majesty George the Third of pious memory, for their loyal attachment,
losses, privations and sufferings in supporting the integrity of the United Empire of
Great Britain during the American Rebellion - deprivations to which your humble
Petitioner's inability to write his name, bears witness.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays, that your Excellency
in Council will be pleased to reconsider the said Statute, and confidently trusts
that on mature deliberation your Excellency in Council will not so construe
the said Statute as to do away with such his Right to Land - but that if deemed
in any way consistent with Law and Equity, your Excellency in Council will
order a Patent Deed for the aforesaid lot of Land to be issued in favour of
your Petitioner - And, as in duty bound, your Petitioner will ever pray.
Malahide, December 31st 1845.

Witness
Philip Hodgkinson.

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