

memorialists forget to state the motives for it, which I am persuaded was a jealousy, that they were not appointed, in that case the mode of M^r Davisons would have been proper and right, indeed their reasoning was so early refuted, that it would have had little weight, had not your Governor wrote and besides ministers here, saying the produce ought to be taken from the Farmer, and recommending his Commiss^y General to do the business, this will not be granted as the receiver cannot be the purchaser, and I believe it will be left to Lord Dorchester to arrange the business in that case M^r McGill will have it in his power to put you at least on a footing with any of your Neighbors, but I am still of opinion to secure the supplies and that the quality may be good it must be done by Contract, and that must be with Merchants, which is equally serving the Farmer, unless Gov^r Simcoe thinks the Merchant can raise flour in their Stores. Government here does not like to be teased by representations, and he and your Neighbours representations had nearly deprived your Province of the Supply in any Mode and which the farmers must have thanked them for, altho Govern^t Knew sending flour from this Country must have cost double the price yet to settle the business they intended sending the whole supplies from hence and its only within a few days they were induced to alter it, perhaps to some this might be more pleasing then to see a general benefit without their having such a part as they wanted. I am interested to serve a province in which I have many friends, and in doing so generally its natural to wish to serve my friends, and who I can pledge my Character for your representⁿatives ought to be careful they dont do a general injury without answering either the purposes of envey or individual benefit, and it requires attention Trouble & Expence to make the most of the Farmers indoustry and which they cannot do of themselves for Instance I have been employd since last fall writing to Cork to procure a Man a compleat

ment. He was prosecuted and convicted for receiving unlawful commissions on supplies, and although he refunded some \$8,000 was sentenced to twenty-nine months' imprisonment in Newgate Gaol. See sketch in *Simcoe Papers*, I, 121.