

town Militia of Detroit, & in that capacity took every opportunity of discharging his duty to government & rendering at the same time those he commanded satisfied with the nature of the service then in a great measure new to him. That your Lordship was afterwards pleased in your goodness to honour him with a commission of the peace, in which capacity he has studiously endeavoured to the best of his abilities to fulfil the duties of that office, so useful to the community & so difficult & laborious to the conscientious & upright magistrate. That your Lordship after honoured him with a seat at the Land board here; when laying aside all considerations of a private nature, he has always adhered to the spirit of his instructions, in carrying into effect those regulations, dictated no less by the wisdom, than by that spirit of justice & honour that so happily characterises the measures of your Lordship. That since the division of Canada into two governments he has been made Lieu^t Col. commandant of the Essex Militia by Col. M^cKee,¹⁶ the Lieu^t Col. of the county. In all these stations, he has endeavoured to discharge his duty as an honest man & a subject desirous by his conduct to evince to the government of his country that tho' unconnected with profit or emolument, he wished not to appear unworthy of the confidence that had unsolicited, been reposed in him. For the truth of which he is not afraid to appeal to the testimony of every commanding officer who has been in this country down to the present moment when Col. England¹⁷ is about to leave it to which he hopes he might add the general good will of the most respectable part of his fellow subjects.

Notwithstanding this, your Lordship's memorialist most respectfully represents, that for what reason he knows not he has not been able to obtain more than twelve hundred acres of land for himself & a very large family from his excellency Lieu^t Governor Simcoe¹⁸—a quantity not greater than has been readily bestowed on individuals whose situation & time have never placed them where they could devote any part of it to the public service & some of whom are only young men in the capacity of clerks.

¹⁶ Alexander McKee, for whose career see *ibid.*, 301.

¹⁷ Lt. Col. Richard England, for whose career see *ibid.*, 444.

¹⁸ Gov. John Graves Simcoe, for whose career see *ibid.*, 403.