

P. S. Sir your irons that you left in the Commodors will be s[e]nt the first opportunity.

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#### LOSS OF LAND CERTIFICATES

Dear Sir By our mutual freind the Comodore I received at York several of your favors which I shall Answer more minutely by this opportunity if not gone before I can arrange my bussiness a little behind from this Absence. The Purport of this is to say that the Comodore cannot find among his papers the Certificates you Mention for the 12 or 14 lotts of Land still coming to you & that without these nothing can be done to Secure them. If possible lett them be found & sent down without delay. Much trouble may Attend the Location as Matters now Stand, but should we get a new Governor, & should as is also thought Captain Smith go home this fall it will be almost impracticable. I think they must Remain with you as the Comodore could hardly lose them on the Road. I left him Two days ago in perfect health & he has written to you on this Subject by M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smith who comes home by land.

We just now hear that the English fleet is in the River. It has been said that General Hunter may be expected a passenger as our Lieut. Governor. M<sup>r</sup> Todd Accompanied M<sup>r</sup> Cartwright & myself to York on the 10<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. he only staid three days there & is long eer now in Montreal. I am very Glad you did not in your present state of health Undertake a Journey down. Probably you Would have Missed him & perhaps the progress you should have made in Settling your Land Matters might not have been such as to Compensate for the trouble.

The Cheif Justice comes on the Circuit this Year to the Western district & will sitt as Commissioner on Land bussiness there. The time for this Commission has been extended for 2 Years.

We Continue to enjoy Good health here & Cordially join