

Applications & delays, they at length sold them to me. I made many applications also to have the Lands located, with as little Success. If it's said that the Lands were only for Actual Settlers, why was a Law made to Admit of Sales, on proof of fair purchases? had the Deputy Surveyor in this District, Allotted to me, or those who had the recommendations their Lands, the Commissioners would have passed them as they did Others, & I would not have had so much trouble, nor give so much to my Friends; I do not Ask for partial favours, but hope to be put on a footing with Others, not more desirving. I may have said on this Subject more than is Necessary, but I wished to give you my sentiments. To end this long Epistle I should think that Governor in Council cannot hesitate to give an Order for my geting 2800 Acres, in 14 single lots of Land, on Condition that I prove to the Commissioners when they sit, That there was Majestrates recommendations for as Many, That they were sold to me & I paid for them, & lastly that said recommendations & Sales were by Accident lost.

Adieu I wish you health & Happiness

Yours most truely

Commodore Grant

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LOSS OF LAND CERTIFICATES

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My dear Sir The misslying of your letter has distressed me [be]yound measure. And every time I think of it makes me uneasy.

But my dear Sir, I fear should your Claims be brought forward for the Transferring of Majestrats Certificates to you, would have little or no avail in geting them passed; There has been So much Impostion lately discovered regarding Majestrats Certificates and even Certificates from the different land Boards, that the Council has made a possitive rule, not [to] adhere to any Certificate whatever that was not brought forward before the 11th of June last and any