

LAND CLAIMS OF WILLIAM ROBERTSON

Detroit October 21st 1799

Dear Sir I was a few days ago favoured with Your letter dated the 14th last Month & happy to learn that you all Meet in good health pleas present M^{rs} Askin & my Compliments. I receiv^d the Invoice of the Articles you left here & when I find a Safe Sale respecting payment I let them go at 75 per Cent for I find to unsafe sales are made at this rate by some Merchants.

I attended the Commissioners Constantly & have had a long & hard Pull but very little done Owing to Justice Allcock⁸⁴ who I may say took all on himself & made as strict Enquiries *in my Opinion* in several Cases as if they had been Criminal ones so that only about 20 as M^r Roe tells me M^r Dolsens passed, but Others defered & none wholly Rejected Indeed if they had I would have Appealed in your behalf & would have had no difficulty to prove that the proceedings & Decissions were not agreeable to the act, at same time lett me Observe that I believe M^r Justice Allcock a very Impartial good man, but so particular & sticks so close to the law, a very unfitt man to act up to the Spirit of the Act. We are asured that the Chief Justice will make his Tour next Year & I learn he has been much more liberal in this Decision respecting Claims to Land than any other of the Judges. As I was your Attorney I did not set when any matter relative to you was before the Commissioners which gave me a better Oppertunity to speak but to no Great purpose as M^r Judge Allcock did as he pleased without asking the Sentiments of the othe[r] Commissioners in hardly any case The Papers you desired Charley to Copy & send you M^r Roe shewed me a letter in which you desire him to send you a Copy therefore needless in Charles

April 14, 1796. The sixth of his eleven children was Paschal Réaume, our present subject. He was born on St. Joseph Street, April 2, 1774, and married in Sandwich, April 23, 1798, Cecilia Pouget, daughter of Joseph Pouget and Frances Belleperche. The groom resided in Amherstburg. Denissen, *op. cit.*

⁸⁴ Henry Allcock, an English barrister, was appointed a judge of the Court of King's Bench in Upper Canada in November, 1798. In October, 1802, he became Chief Justice, and three years later he became Chief Justice of Lower Canada. He also served as speaker of the Legislative Council in both provinces. He died in Quebec, Feb. 22, 1808, aged forty-five years. See Wallace, *op. cit.*