

me the only delay would be Untill he got a proper Sized Book from Canada to Coppy (As I Understood him) the Patents into for that he had Parchemnt to make them out On. As I was disireous of bringing a few with me which I wanted much, I offered to go to the Expence of having these coppied on paper from which he could Afterwards take them into his Book. to this he Seemingly Assented at all Events gave me Reason to suppose that some would soon be Ready & the Others not be detained long After. However by a Letter rec^d from Doctor [?] Richardson dated the 28th July & an Other from M^r W^m Allan of York dated y^e 4th Ins^t (with whom I left 500 Dollars to pay for the Patents as when ready) for the Other fees of Office I p^d myself, that's to say at the Council & Acting Surveyor Generals Office. yet Neither have been Able to Obtain from M^r Jarvis as they wrote me a Single patent, tho I do not know of any Excuses for delay or detention, for once the *Fiats* are delivered at his office all seems to be settled. At the Solicitor Generals Office there arose a difficulty which was this, he said before he was Authorised to make Out *fiats* for the Persons in whose favour the Commissioners had deeded respecting Lands purchased, a Coppy of the Commissioners report should be sent him from the Council Office. This I Applied to M^r Small the Clerk of the Council for, he said he must first have the report from the Acting Surveyor Generals office. the Clerks then said thay had no such report to make to him, Unless when they found some Mistake in the Commissioners Report & as they had not found any that related to me they had Only to give me descriptions for the Lands that by the [?] Commissions were Reported to be mine & which they did from day to day as far as Other Business would permit & promised to send the remainder to the Solisitor Generals office. finding That the Disputes at the Offices prevented my geting *Fiats* for the Lands (only reported on by the Commissions) I mentioned the matter to the Chief Justice³⁹ the day before I came Away who said he would go to these offices & put that matter soon right whether he has done so or not Doctor Richardson in his letter has not Explained to me, but I

39 John Emsley, for whom see *ante*, 78.