

happy indeed, from my anxious wish to hear from Your quarter, & of my family & friends. Regarding your uneasiness that I was fearfull or rather in doubt, of taken upon myself the Administration of this Government, from the generous Manner (though agreeable to the Kings instruction) that the majority of the Executive Council indeed at first the whole of them, addressed me to administer the Government of this Country, I could not avoid falling into their wishes. my friends in & out of Council wished for me by all means to take upon me the management of the Government.

What alarmed me much & put me to an unpluse was mostly all the officers of Government being absent, and had no person to advise with or help me but that good man Captain M^cGill Colonel Shaw stays always at his farm only when soummonds to Council. Thank my god, now I am perfectly easy in my mind, which I was not at first, from real anxiety to do well, farr & near I learn yet all seems to be satisfied, with matters gone on queitly. Tho my late good worthy predesessor was Sensible & Clever, he latterly dealt very harse [harsh] with most of the people that had any business with him. thats answering mostly your's of the 1st oct^r.

Your favour of the 27th Oct^r. There is [a] rule of the Executive Council & L^t Governor, that since such a period [space] that no U. E or military or magistrates &c &c Claimants that pitioned for lands & granted by the Council but not located can have an acre now without paying the full fees, and that in hand before any Steps is taken. Several officers upon half pay had during Gener^l Simcoes administration procured minutes of council for their lands, Neglected all the rest of the business till lately, but cannot get an acre without paying the full fees, as any Settler from the states of america. Mr. Woods will inform you more fully who takes great pains to inform himself through all the offices.

Captain M^cKee, I think I mentioned to you before that I had mentioned to Gener^l Hunter concerning his having a Troop of horse or Cavalry. his answer was he did not care how many troops they would have, but no expence to