

Continued

(The Chain men altho' the best the Surveyor ever had in his employ, choose rather that be under any responsibility to give up the 6d additional pay.)

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals at Sandwich the day and year first above written.

The mark of Pascal Odet alias Lapointe	X
The mark & seal of Gabriel Kitreau	X
The mark of Jacques Voisin, substitute of Jean C. Perot	X
The mark of J. Bte. Bernan	X
The mark of Pierre Bernan	X
The mark of Paul Godett	X
The mark of Fs Barbe	X
The mark of J. Bte. Lebeau	X
(signed) Charles A. Smith	
The mark of Wm. Butte	X

Sandwich, 28th April, 1806. Jos. Drolian came forward and claimed Pascal Odet one of the Surveying Party as his Servant hired to him for one year who had recd 25 Pounds on account of his wages, and that unless I came responsible for the debt he would not let him go, the said Pascal is therefore discharged.

Rate of labour at this Season as appears by the following Certificates, Vizt:

I certify the price of labor at this season is 6/ York per day and Provisions, as the summer advances it will be difficult to procure men at the above price.

(signed) Richard Pollard, Curate

I do certify that the price of labour at this Season of the year is 6/ York per day & provisions, and difficult to be had.

(signed) John McGregor (#)

N. A Mason has 20/ York per day, a Carpenter or Joiner 16/ per day, the labourers 8/ between June & Sept, 6/ autumn & Spring, Half a Dollar in Winter & Provisions. Cloathing & all other necessaries of life are in proportion - everything but the pay of a Surveyor, a vocation which requires science and integrity, the remuneration of it ought to soothe the hardships - vocation which brings on disease, the loss of health at an early period, and when the disabled limbs can no longer traverse these dreary wilds who then is to have pity? where is his support.

(#) The above Certificates were transmitted to the Surv. Genl.

(ended at page 244, Book of Diaries)

SURVEYOR-GENERAL LETTERS RECEIVED/SENT

R.G. 1, A-I-1, Surveyor-General's Letter Book (1799)
Letters Received, Vol. 4, No. 8, p. 413, PAO

To D. W. Smith

Rec'd 23 Feb 1799

D. Sir,

John Quick was recommended yesterday by the board for lot 1 in the Gore, and the lot in the rear of the Reserve for the Village in the Township of Colchester, be granted to him, so as to secure his improvements - 200 acres of this Quantity under N. R. -

Honble D. W. Smith

I am ____ (?)

(signed) J. Small

I should not trouble you with the above Mem. - but the express not gone, I found His Honor would not confirm anything of the sort, and the Man anxious to return provided you would enter him for the lots.

J. S.

see fiat

No. 1505 P.R.

Chatham, January 24 1799 -

Sir

Enclosed I send you a Plan of the Lands I have located to Mr. John Cornwell - his wife & Mr. Richard Cornwell - You will please to observe the Marsh comprehended within the dotted lines. Mr. Cornwell did not choose to have located to him, as the most of the Inhabitants in front, cut their hay on it - The 2nd Concession I have not run, as Mr. Thomas Smith has run the dotted Line, N: 87⁸ E(?) allowing the Variation; Yet I imagine it will be necessary to have it run East, by the needle, to make it agree with the other lines of the Township - There is two Families settled on the Reserve. Quick has made a Considerable Improvement and has a wife and fourteen Children, who have been all prisoners with the Indians a number of years - They settled three years past, naked in a manner, supposing it to be in the rear of Lots No. 71 & 72; the man is much disengaged - he bears a good Character in the neighbourhood & is industrious -

M^Cormack went on last Spring; he has about four or five acres cleared -

Mr. John Cornwell has had two lots located to him previous to enclosed - No. 13 1st Con. Camden

97	"	Colchester	}	400
		supposed		
as to enclosed plan				808
				1208

Mr. R. Cornwell No.	1st Concess. Lake Erie	200
"	510 acres in the Gore &	510
	No. 1 - 9 the half of No. 8 in the 2nd Concession of Colchester as to plan	
Mr. Cornwell Lots No. 1 2 & 3 in the 2nd Con.	600	
of Colchester		
Acres -	3018	

I am Sir, etc. etc.

(signed) A. Iredell D.S.

P.S. Maurice Roach's Improvement is supposed to be on the rear of Lots No. 7 or 8 - 4th Con. of Colchester

The Honbl. D.W. Smith

(signed) A Iredell

Chatham Jan 24, 1799

Sir,

I neglected to mention that 7 or 8 acres of John Quick's Improvement falls on the land surveyed to Mr. Cornwall - John Quick informs me, that he was advised by Mr. Selby & Capt. Elliott to settle himself upon any vacant land, having lodged with me a recommendation from Capt. Elliott for a grant of 200 acres, in the winter 1795 - thinking himself secure in any improvement he might make.

To D. W. Smith

(signed) A. Iredell

R.G. 1, A-I-1, Vol. 31, Surveyor's Letters, Originals, PAO

No. 129

A copy of this letter is to be found in
R.G. 1, A-I-1, Surveyor-General's Letter Book (1799)
Letters Received, Vol. 56, No. 8, p. 420, PAO

R.G. 1, A-I-1, Vol. 31, Surveyor's Letters, Originals, PAO

No. 130

A copy of this letter is to be found in
R.G. 1, A-I-1, Surveyor-General's Letter Book (1799)
Letters Received, Vol. 56, No. 8, p. 418-9, PAO

No. 44

Sandwich 27th June 1805

Gentlemen,

From the 16th of April the day I set out on the Survey to the 3rd of June when I returned Home I had not three successive days of good weather. The party fell sick one after another & at last the Chain-men. I had, therefore no alternative but to quit the Survey until a more proper Season. I however transmit Plans of what had been done & also your plans of guidance to enable you to make descriptions for those who have paid the Patent fees.

Altho' circumstances obliged me to deviate from the Plans, yet I hope it will meet with your approbation. In the year 1788 some lines were run in Colchester and Gosfield in order to locate the disbanded troops and Loyalists by order of Major Close then Commandant, upon which there are claims now existing by Certificates of Commandments & Improvements, and to satisfy those claims & in consequence of a Letter from Capt. Elliott expressing His Excellency's Wish in that respect (an Extract is sent herewith) I laid off twelve lots in the Gore - No. 9 to 20.

The Line B in Gosfield is another Line of Major Close upon which there is some Settlers & to save them from being disturbed I would recommend the Front

Chewitt & Ridout Esquires
S. G. O.

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Concessions of Gosfield be divided into North & South Sections - allowing those who possess the front lots their respective Sections provided other Claims & Improvements may not interfere, Ketchisides is also settled upon the Same line produced Easterly & if the Plan of guidance had been strictly followed he must have lost the most valuable part of his Improvements - But knowing the old Plan to be erroneous & that you have been deceived thereby made me less scrupulous to deviate from it.

My Field notes and Journal I shall not send until the two Townships are completed, except you may order this

Six sheets Imp. Paper - Quarter Hundred Quills.

Four memorandum books & four pencils I received.

If the Lots No. 9 to 20 in Colchester Gore be approved of the Lines A B will have to be run from the Lake to 2nd Con. to ascertain the exact dimensions of 11 & 20. N^o 1 in the Gore upon which you placed the name John Cornwall I am apprehensive is the property of John Quick; and I think there may be an order of Council to that effect, and also an order of Survey to Mr Iredell. In faith of which it is now marked & bound for Quick, until otherwise instructed.

(No. 44 continued)

The public transactions of the Department have no immediate concern with Foreign news: However being so near to us & when B - Subjects are chief sufferers I cannot forbear mentioning that on the 11 inst. I saw the ancient(?) Town of Detroit in Three Hours & a Half consumed to ashes & not one Buildings remain but a Blockhouse in stone.

NB If you shall not want
the Plans you may
send them back any time
before the Townships are
completed.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient &
very humble Servant
(signed) Thos Smith - DS

R.G. 1, A-I-1, Vol. 35, Surveyor's Letters, Originals, AO

The following letter dating from 1805 shows John Quick Jr., Cornelius Quick and Joseph Quick, sons of John Quick Sr., awaiting surveys of land in Colchester. Cornelius had yet to move to Mersea.

No. 45 (enclosed with No. 44)

Extract of a letter from M. Elliott M.P. dated Malden
7 April 1805.

"If there is a sufficient quantity in each of the Gores of Land to enable you to give to those who have paid the fees the quantity of 200 Acres each, I will thank you to do so, being confident it was the intention of the Governor".

Locations made during the Survey, Viz -

John Quick Junior	No. 9	in the Gore	-	Colchester
Corneilus Quick	- 10	"		"
Daniel Knap	11	"		"
Philip Cummingford	12	"		"
Philip Huckleberry	13	"		"
Joseph Quick	14	"		"
William Buchanan by purchase from Thos. Ferris	20	"		"
Joseph Banks	18	3 Con.		"
John Etourneau	6	"		"
David McCormick	13	"		"
James Lockhart	14	"		"
James Stockwell	15	"		"
William McCormick	16	"		"
John Boyle	17	"		"
John Berthelette	19	"		"
William Buchanan	18	2 nd Con.		"
John Williams	11	"		"
Thomas Bell	12	"		"
George Galachar	15	4 th Con.		"
William O'Neil	12	3 rd Con.		Gosfield
John Davies	11	"		"
Wyndal Wyley	10	"		"
Christopher Wyley	9	"		"
Henry Bruner	8	"		"
George Friend	23	4 th Con.		"
George Fox	22	"		"
Henry Fox	21	"		"
Michael Fox	20	"		"
William Coyle	19	"		"
Jacob Tofflemire	24	5 th Con.		"
John Emrick	23	"		"
Adam Fox	22	"		"
George Bruner	21	"		"
Abraham Tofflemire	19	"		"
Adam Bruner	20	"		"
Dore Malot	13	1 st Con.		"
N.B. Settled on this Lot about six years ago - Mistook it for part of No. 1 in Mersea - His Improvements are valued at 1000 Dols - Such of the above as have no Grants, are to forward their Petitions, & pay the Fees to Capt. Elliott their representative.				

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The following letter was written by the surveyor Thomas Smith just after his survey of Colchester.

R.G. 1, A-I-1, Vol. 35, Surveyor's Letters, Originals, PAO

No. 48

Sandwich 29th Nov. 1805

Sir,

I have received your letters of the 15th of October & 2nd of November inclosing two seperate sketches shewing how the front concessions of Colchester & Gosfield clash with the 2nd.

John Cornwall & John Quick have notice in respect to their claims to No. 1 in Colchester Gore & that "nothing will be done thereon until they go forward by themselves or attorneys". Also John Davies & Windal Weigly are noticed that Nos. 10 & 11 in 3rd Con: of Gosfield having been described to Thos McKee esquire, & that they must make application for other locations.

Cornwall came to me & said "that he is willing to accept of another lot in lieu of No. 1 in Colchester Gore seeing that Quick has very considerable improvements thereon". I would therefore recommend that another lot may be assigned to him.

The persons settled under Major Close shall have notice to bring forward their pretensions, & I shall use my best endeavor to arrange their locations in such a manner as to interfere as little as possible with Grants already made - I feel with gratitude the dis

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discretionary power & confidence you place in that respect. The sketches will be entered upon the Plans & returned by another opportunity.

The interior of Colchester & Gosfield being intersected by extensive Swamps and morases - some of them not passable - I am therefore waited for the Ice to bear in order to proceed to the completion of that Survey.

I have the Honer to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

C. B. Wyatt, Esqr
Surveyor - General

(signed) Thos Smith

The following letter, a copy, dated 1799, was in the possession of John Quick Sr. when visited by the surveyor, Thomas Smith, in 1805.

R.G. 1, A-I-1, Vol. 35, Surveyor's Letters, Originals, PAO

No. 49

Copy

S.G.O. 23rd Feby 1799

Sir,

John Quick having made it appear to the Council that his improvements fall upon the Land in the rear of the Reserve & on the first lot to the westward thereof; those two lots have been secured to him accordingly; you will endeavour therefore to accommodate Mr Cornwall as nearly thereto & as well otherwise as practicable. You will run an East & West line between Quick & McCormick & complete Quicks 200 acres to the southward of that line, the width of the Reserve. I should wish the Marsh in the triangle would suit Mr Cornwall on No 7 adjoining Mr R. Cornwall's land. You will send me down Quicks Certificate as recommended by Capt. Elliott to cover his 200 acres now secured by the Council on account of his improvement
x x x x x
& his family to the extent of 400 acres.

This survey for Quick may be executed as
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as you are Surveying the remaining part of the Township.

I am Sir,
your Humble Servant

(signed) D. W. Smith Act. S.
Genl.

Mr Iredell
Depy Sur: Western
District Chatham

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original.

(signed) A. Iredell.

Chatham 5th Aug^t 1805

From a copy in the possession
of John Quick.

(signed) Thos Smith
Sandwich 18 Decr 1805

Council Chamber at York 22nd February 1799

Present

The Honorable John Elmsley Chief Justice
Aeneas Shaw and D. W. Smith

*Three petitioners before John Quick were read (states main points of petition of 1799)
Immediately afterwards came petition which Quick carried on behalf of inhabitants of Colchester.
(signed P. R.)*

R.G. 1, A-I-1, Vol. 35, Surveyor's Letters, Originals, PAO

No. 50 (containing as enclosure No. 49)

Sandwich 6th January 1806

Sir,

The inclosed copy of a letter dated S.G.O. 23rd Feby 1799 probably will determine the dispute between John Cornwall & John Quick about lot No 1 in Colchester Gore & save them the trouble of going to York to appear at the Board. - The matter however, must remain in suspense until your further instructions.

The Merchants of Sandwich are about collecting money to pay the expence of cutting a road from the town of Sandwich to the Township of Mersea & have made applications to me to blaze it the nearest distance the nature of the ground will admit: - However, I am much in doubt if it can be made practicable, for the Country in general is low & wet, & abounding in extensive marshes & swamps.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient &
most humble Servant

C. B. Wyatt, Esqr
Surveyor General.

(signed) Thos Smith

M^r Iredell D.S.
West. Dist.

S.G.O. 23 Feb^Y 1799

Sir,

John Quick having made it appear to(?) the Council that his improvement falls upon the Land in the rear of the Reserve, and on the Jin't(?) Lot to the Westward thereof:, those two lots have been secured to him accordingly, you will endeavour therefore to accommodate Mr. Cornwall, as nearly thereto, and as well otherwise as practicable - you will run an East & West Line between Quick & M^c Cormick, & complete Quicks 200 acres to the Southward of that Line, the width of the Reserve: I should think that the mark in the triangle would suit Mr. Cornwall, or N^o 7 adjoining M^r R. Cornwalls Land - you will send me down Quicks certificate as recommended by Capt. Elliott, to cover his first 200 acres, now secured by the Council on account of his Improvement & his family, to the Extent of 400 acres.

This Survey for Quick may be executed as you are surveying the remaining part of the Township.

I am Sir, etc.

(signed) D. W. Smith

Same reference as the above - p. 323

Copy of Mem^m

S.G.O. 23 Feb^Y 1799

Solomon Quick left 16 dollars to pay his $\frac{1}{2}$ (?) patent fee & survey for 200 Acres - the warrant to be taken out of the Council office -

& left also 10 dollars to pay the Rec^r General for 200 acres granted to Philip Huckleberry - this warrant taken out. the Survey money to be sent down -

Thos. Smith Esq.
Survey^r at Sandwich

York 15th October 1805

Sir

Agreeably to your letter of the 27 June last, which only came to hand a few days ago - as soon as yourself and party are re-established in health, you may proceed to lay out the Tract by you proposed; a Sketch of which is enclosed, shewing how the same will be effected by the land already granted in front thereof - please to return the sketch when the Survey is completed -

In respect to John Quick and John Cornwalls pretensions to Lot No. 1 in the Gore of Colchester, a Memorandum has been made - and nothing will be done thereon until they shall come forward by themselves or their Attorneys and the same shall be finally settled -

C. B. Wyall
Surv^r Gen^l

Thos Smith Esq.
Sandwich

Surveyr Generals Office
York 19 Decemr 1805

Sir -

I have duly received your letter of the 29 exto
As you say that W(?) Cornwall is willing to relinquish Lot No 1
in the Gore in Colchester, in favor of Quick, and to accept another
lot in lieu thereof - I hereunder send you the Number of some lots
which appear vacant in that Township, & nearest to the lands al-
ready located by him -

^{2nd} Concesⁿ (in rear of the Gore & ^{1st} Concesⁿ
Lots No 4, 5, 6, 13, 14 & 15 -)

The sooner he informs me of his choice, the better - and he
would do well to send the Numbers of two or three - lest some one
of the numbers I have mentioned, may be applied for, before I re-
view his letter -

I wish you had forwarded your Accounts for the last Survey
you made in Colchester and Gosfield - as the Audit takes place
early in the next Month -

I am etc.

(signed) C. B. Wyatt
Su^r Gen^l

An Account of Monies not yet paid, being the Excess of Surveying fees upon certain Lands located in the Townships of Mersea, Gosfield & Colchester - under Capt. Elliott's Bond to Government - as signified to this office on the 10th February 1806 - by an order of Mr. President Grant.

No of Desc.	Grantees	Lot	Con	Township	acres	Excess of Survey fees not yet pd
188	William Duff	45	4	Mersea	600	1 10 -
		3 -	5 -			
191	Joseph Wigle	4	7	"	200	- 10 -
205	George Friend	23	4	Gosfield	200	- 10 -
197WF	John Quick	9	Gore	Colchester	200	- 10 -
210	Cornelius Quick	10	"	"	200	- 10 -
142RJ	Philip Huckleberry	13	"	"	200	- 10 -
198WF	Joseph Quick	14	"	"	200	- 10 -
136	David Quick	15	4	"	200	- 10 -

Surveyor General's Office
York 22 Septr 1809

(signed) Chewitt Ridout

No. 47

Limit between Romney & Mersea
Monday, 26th August 1816 -

Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you that I have explored the ground through the Western Division of Romney and Mersea, to ascertain the most eligible site for Talbot Road to pass - The Land in the vicinage of the Two Creeks, and their Branches, which are near Mersea, is very wet and Swampy near the Lake - The Branches of the Two Creeks are very wide and full of deep dead Water, - They would be exceedingly difficult and expensive to Bridge - In short the nature of the Ground requires the Road to intersect the Limit between Romney and Mersea a considerable distance from the Shore of the Lake from which intersection it will be impossible to lay the Road Westerly through Mersea upon Ground on which it will be practicable

To Thomas Talbot Esquire
etc. etc. etc.

Port Talbot

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to make a good Road, without interfering with the Blocks of Crown and Clergy Reserves - Indeed I have examined all through Mersea, in rear of the Swamps and Marshes of Point Pele, & find that Hazle piloted me through the Reserves when I was exploring for the road in 1812.

The Intersections which I had the Honor to receive for the Survey of Talbot Road through the Western District, placed me under your directions, - I am therefore to request that you will advise me on the subject by the bearer -

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your Obdt humble servant
(signed) M. Burwell
By Surveyor

J. A. Wilkinson Survey Diary
2 Sept - 21 Oct 1841

Sept 11 (Sat)

"Run a line from the bank of the lake between lots nos. 67 and 68 on a C. N (?) to the rear of the reserved lots, and found 150 c (chains) 31 l (links) allowing 18 c for John Quick Deed of Conveyance. The lake has encroached on the bank."

n.d. (1824)

7 - C - 200

To Peter Scratch, Esqr., Surveyor of Highways for the County of Essex, Western District and Province of Upper Canada

We the inhabitants of the townships of Gosfield & Mersea, being of the opinion, that the present road leading from Talbot Street Mersea, through the back settlement, to the Sandwich Street, now in use, is extremely inconvenient, and may be altered so as to better accommodate His Majesty's Subjects and others, traveling thereon etc. etc. etc.

Therefore, we request that you, as one of Majesty's Surveyors of Highways, will attend to the examination and alteration of the said road and all other matters thereunto connected, as directed in the Statute laws of our said Province etc etc etc

and oblige your Applicants

Names, Township of Gosfield

gorg godwin
Zenus Orton
Henry Bruner Jr
Philip Bruner
Michael G. Fox
Them(?) Fox
J. B. P. Cahoun
Ph. G(?) Cloe
John C. Fox
Jacob Tofflemire(?)
John Casly
Eliakim Field
John Whittle
William Tofflemire
Samuel Sessions (?)
Peter Haws
(?)
James Stockwell
Jacob Tofflemire

Names, Township of Mersea

Charles Stewart
John Fulmer senr
Henry Fulmer
Michael Horton
Daniel Hitchcock
John Hampton
Wm. Carley
Alexr. Wilkinson
Lenard Wigle
J. J. (?) Piggott
William J. Pate
Thomas Whittle
Thomas Whittle Junr
Charles Whittle
Philip Fox

7 - C - 202

Peter Scratch, surveyor of highways to Magistrates, Western District

A requisition having been made to me to alter the present road leading from Talbot Street Mersea through the back settlement to the Sandwich Street by George Godwin and twenty others inhabitant Freeholders of the townships of Gosfield and Mersea - I have laid out a Road description of which is as follows, Commencing in the front of the Fourth Concession of Gosfield on number twenty one then East to the township line between Gosfield & Mersea then South along the township line to the front of the third concession then East to the SouthEast corner of Lot number one in the same concession - then South East till you intersect Talbot Road East on number four in the Second Concession in the Township of Mersea.

April 6th 1824

(Filed April 14, 1841
(signed) Chas Baby CPWD)

7 - C - 100

Petition to Wm. Elliott Esq.

To the Magistrates of the Western District at their general session -

The petition of twelve freeholders in the County of Essex, respectfully present

That the settlers in the back concession of the township of Colchester are much distressed for want of a road to mill, & to carry our produce to market that the 2nd concession line has been traced and a bridle path made thereon -

Wherefore pray your worships will be pleased to order that the 2nd concession line be opened at least 30 feet wide, and continue until it intersects the road leading to Amherstburg, and that the same be kept in repair by state labour as other roads in the county.

Colchester 1st August 1827

(signed) Chs. A. Smith
Geo. Ironside
P. Ironside(?)
Thos. W. Smith
Peter Young
Wm. Caldwell
Alexander Quick
James Lockhart
Matthew McCormick
John Commiford
Philip Commiford
John Comer
Joseph Quick

(My note: A sketch on the back of the letter shows a road 'from Amherstburg' following the lakeshore all the way from Amherstburg to Colchester - across the mouth of Knapp's Island. A dotted line described as the 'Road to be opened' is drawn running E-W along the 2nd Concession.)

7 - C - 101

To Charles Rankin Esquire
Surveyor of Roads for the Western District

The petition of the undersigned Freeholders residing in the vicinity of lots Number 48.47.46.45.44.43.42 and 41 - in the First Concession of the Township of Colchester in the said District -

Humbly Sheweth

That the late rise of the waters of Lake Erie having washed away the Bank in front of the before mentioned lots thereby rendering the public road along the same inconvenient, and indeed dangerous to His Majesty's Subjects and others travelling thereon, Your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that you will take a view of the said road, and grant such relief as is in such case directed by an Act of the Legislature of this Province passed in the Fifteenth year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Third.

Colchester
13th March 1826

(signed) Chester Burman(?)

Jacob Iler

Adam Fox

John Snider

Eben Reynolds

Ezekiel Boring

John Little

Gordon Buchanan

Alexr. Duff

Absolom Huffman

Rudolph Huffman Jr.

Solomon Huffman

John McCormick

Adam Snider

(Extract)

Rankin to Magistrates of Western District
Assembled at Quarter Sessions

On 3rd and 22d of June (1826) traced out a road in front of
Lots 41, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Colchester and put up two notices.

Memorandum for use of the Court

road made 1 chain wide across 41.2.3.4 & 5 and across 46.7 & 8
is 40 feet wide. Goes on to describe acreage taken, apple trees etc
Sketch accompanies.

The road	Lot 48	R. Hoffman
follows the	47	Hoffman
lakeshore	46	"The Jew's Lot"
	45	John Elliott
	44	John Buchanan
	43	Thos. Wright
	42	John Snider
	41	John Snider

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Agreeable to a petition presented to me Signed by twelve
freeholders of the Back settlement of the Township of Colchester
I have traced out a Publick road for them thirty feet wide -
Commencing on the East and West Road in the Colchester gore and
at the limits between Lots No. 12 and 13 then north on the west
side of said Limits untill the front of the second concession -
then north untill it strikes the Limits Betwixt Lots No. 9 and 10
in the Second Concession - Then North on the said Limits in the
Second. Third and Fourth concession and no further -

October 4th 1831

(Signed) Gordon Buchanan

A Surveyor of Roads
for the County of Essex

7 - C - 290-297

Mahlon Burwell to Magistrates of the Western District
Chairman of the Quarter Quarter Sessions
Sessions, London District

Port Talbot, 30 Sept. 1830

Gentlemen,

Having lately made a tour through the greater part of the Settlements already made and now forming in your District, I take the liberty, most respectfully, of submitting to your consideration such ideas as occurred to me on that route, in regard to the improvement of the various roads by which your District is intersected and for which object the Funds at your disposal, arising from the Sheriff's sales of the lands of absentees, as non-residents, afford very considerable means.

..... The road through Romney needs considerable of improvement, and I think it would be well to have it removed a little inland in the Western Division of that Township, to avoid the frequent breaking of the Lake Bank, and be accommodated by a small gravelly ridge a few chains from the shore - the greatest improvements are wanted where the granted lands are situated and I should hope that the monies arising from them by means of the assessment law - together with what has been granted by the Legislature will make them tolerably good.

In the Eastern part of Mersea, the road requires all the assistance you can afford towards its improvements - the Western part is very tolerable. - In front of Gosfield and Colchester it would be well to have the road laid inland, say 20 or 30 chains passing through the several farms, and I have no doubts but such a measure might be effected with the common consent of the inhabitants - should this take place the Statute labor, if well applied would be equal to its formation, and keeping it permanently good.

The assessment law has produced nearly £ 200 for Gosfield, and if £ 100 of this sum were properly expended in improving Talbot Road through that township a great point would be gained in opening the route direct across the Country to the Town of Sandwich.

(Burwell goes on to comment favourably on the new drainage ditch in the rear of the town of Sandwich and the use made of it by settlers to the east.)

Introduction

For eight years local government was exercised by District Councils which began operating 1st January, 1842 (4 & 5 Victoria, C 10). The Municipal Act of 1849 (12 Victoria, c. 78) abolished districts and government by District Councils, and on 1st January, 1850, they were superceded by County Councils.

The District Council met regularly in four sessions per year.

Ms205(7), Municipal Records Western District, PAO

This microfilm was made of records of the Fort Malden Museum, Amherstburg, probably by the curator there, David Botsford, prior to their transfer to the PAO. They are in no particular order and are poorly catalogued. The early assessment records were taken out by archivists at the PAO and photographed as Ms390. Ms205 comprises 12 rolls of microfilm.

Ms205(7)

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George Middleton recommended by justices of the peace, Ralph Foster, Theodore Malott and Alexander Stockwell to open a tavern in Mersea. The date must be sometime after 1838 since there is reference to Queen Victoria. "Six miles east of Leonard Wigles in Mersea and eighteen miles west of McDonalds in Tilbury, there being the nearest places of public entertainment. (Michael J. Fox in Romney having closed his house)".

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Charles Hairsine on Talbot Road Mersea, licenced as tavern-keeper, January 1, 1822.

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Elizabeth Lyttle, of Colchester, recommended by Wm. McCormick J.P. to keep a tavern, January 9, 1827.

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Petition of Leonard Wigle to keep a tavern in Mersea. fragment. n.d.

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April 5, 1851, list of licences issued to tavern keepers:

Samuel White	Colchester	duty £ 4	Leonard Wigle	Mersea	£ 3.10
Stephen Brookee	"	"	George Middleton	"	"
Emery Callier	"	"			
Joseph Munger	"	"			
Joseph Irwin	"	"			
Alexander Stockwell	Gosfield	"			
Peter Williams	"	"			
John Cascaden	"	"			
John Limoud(?)	"	"			
Charles Whitsell	"	"			

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1852

Edward Sinesac Colchester
Windle M. Wigle tp. Gosfield, Peter Wilkinson A'Burg, licenced as hawkers and pedlars £ 10.

The following letter of 1817 reveals Cornelius Quick has been located 200 acres in lot 243 on the south side of the Talbot Road West by Thomas Talbot.

RG 1, Series C-I-4, Vol. 14, Col. Talbot's Locations, 1817, PAO

Return of the present state of Lands located at Port Talbot, under the Superintendence of Thomas Talbot Esquire, in the London Western Districts of Upper Canada.

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Mersea Township, South, Talbot Road West
(among many others)

Prideaux Girty	200 acres	Lot 241
James Wilkinson	200 acres	242
Cornelius Quick	200 acres	243
William Wilkinson	200 acres	244

North, Talbot Road West

Caleb Groat	200 acres	242
James Bland	200 acres	243
Alexander Wilkinson	200 acres	244

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Southwold Township, North, North Branch Talbot Road

Solomon Quick	200 acres	20
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The undersigned has to observe that he cannot consider the foregoing Return as conclusive it being liable to daily alterations occasioned by frequent casualties, arising from the following causes:

- 1:st Tardiness in commencing to perform Settlement duties.
- 2:nd A manifest disposition to improve by offering the land for sale-
- 3:^d Change of sentiment and notifying inability to settle new land-

Port Talbot
5th Aug. 1817

(signed) Thomas Talbot
Commis^r

R.G. 1, C-IV PAO, Township Papers

Colchester, Gore

Locations made in the Surveyor-General's Office 25th February 1806-
by persons paying the whole of the fees.

No. of persons	name	Lot	Concession	Township	Acres	Fiat
D1	Cornelius Quick	10	Gore	Colchester	abt200	187
D2	John Widal	1	5	Mercy	200	192
D3	John Elliott	18	Gore	Colchester	200	181

(continued from the same line of document)

Granted	By whom located	Remarks
200 Acres under Lieutenant Governor Hunter's order in council 16 June 1804	Capt. Elliott	Paid the whole of the fees to the Receiver General.
"	"	"
"	"	"

The number of persons being three and the Number of acres amounting
to six hundred

approved	C. B. Wyatt (?)
A. Grant President	