

Lincoln August 3th [sic] 1795.

To His Excellency John Graves Simcoe Esqr. Lieut.
Governor Commander of the Province of Upper
Canada &c &c in Council.

The Petition of Albert Berdan
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was a settler in the State of Vermont when the War first broke out and in making his escape to Canada in the year 1776 was taken prisoner and confined in a Dungeon at Ticonderoga for three Months, and his Lands containing 200 Acres confiscated with all his property without benefit of Claims; after making my escape I joined His Majestys Arms at New York as early as April 1777, I then entered into the New Jersey Volunteers, in which Corps I continued as Serjeant till the Conclusion of the War, from which I have my discharge dated at St. John's in Nova Scotia 10th Octr. 1783 with sufficient recommendation from my Officers under whom I served. My father also served in the same Regiment but died soon after his discharge without taken up any Lands for himself or family. Now your Petitioner desireous of becomeing a Settler at this place Most Humbly begs His Excellency will please to grant him such quantity of Land you in your Goodness may think proper to allow, he having a Wife and Seven Children. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever Pray.

Albert Berdan