

His Excellency Peter Russell Esq^r — 2
acting Governor of the Province of Upper
Canada — — — & & — — —

The Humble Petition of Nicholas Lake
Sheweth — your Petitioner found his Majesty's
Standard in the year 1777 — then under the ^{command} of
General Burgoyne — and your Petitioner
was constantly employed in ^{his Majesty's} ~~company~~ ^{service}
intelligence and in other of his Majesty's Service
until he was taken prisoner — and when
General Burgoyne surrendered in subject himself to
made prisoner — I had to fly to the Country
and there was made Prisoner and left to go
after I was liberated from Prison one of
his Majesty's Officers by the name of Eliezer
Botton (and) came with his Majesty's
Orders and told me I had better remain in
the the Situation I was in in order to —

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and assist his Majesty's Majesty —
the Honorable John Munro Esq. is acquainted
with me and favors is — at Little White
Creek in York State Esq. Perpetually increasing
to my employment

I am otherwise a large family and has
never received but two hundred - churo - of his
Majesty's land — I a wife and ten children
three of which is Boys — the youngest is three
years of age the rest is female of different ages —
and one more — I now pray you —

Excellency to consider me and family in his
Majesty's bounty and grant me such
Relief as in his Majesty's shall think
proper

Nicholas Lake

Respectfully

John Smith Esq.

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Nicholas Lake
P. H. W. W.
McC. 25 June 1797. 11. 11.
Read
Nov. 11. 97.
Terminated for 750
Acres to close all
claims
J. F. P. R.
A. W. 13 Nov. 97
R. H.

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