

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General The Right Honorable George Earl of Bathurst, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies & & &
and to His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly

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possible in our hands until the latter part of
winter or the spring, the one half of the supplies sent
to us (being 12½ Barrels of flour) has already been
distributed amongst the Emigrants, Widows and
Orphans, with the exception of a few poor
families.

Had our store houses been full in the
years of plenty and retained till now, we might
be amply supplied; but now, not all the money,
cattle nor land in the possession of the best-
thrift farmers in these districts can purchase
one Barrel of flour, nor even the smallest
supply of potatoes, in this place.

We wish also to observe to your Excel-
lency and Honours that unless a large supply
of seed shall be provided and sent here by Govern-
ment, a great quantity of land will lay
waste for want thereof, which was the case in
some instances last year.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray
that your Excellency and Honours will take the care
of the distressed people in these districts into your
most serious consideration by granting them such
further supplies of Seed, and also seed
(Wheat and potatoes) as to you in your wisdom
may seem meet.

And your petitioners in duty bound
will ever pray &c.

Antigonish July 15th 1871 } 65 Names

Wm. P. Lyndon J.P.
J. A. Hendrickson J.P.



Simcon Irish
David M. Dull

George Irish
James L. Bradshaw

John J. Babcock
George Irish
Samuel M. Mandy
Edward M. Cunningham

Foster Whitton
John Middle

J. Symonds
Irish
Lewis H. Phillips

James Thomson
Katharine H. Hargy
Alexander Hargy

John Moore
Joseph Fennell

John Dexter
Ranald M. G. Hargy

John Burke
Ewen Mac Mill

William Thomson
Arch M. Arthur

Harroden Peasen Jun.
William Fisher

Robt. & Mas
James Brown

John Donnell

John Donnell
James H. Moore

John M. Donnell
John M. Donnell

Alfred Summers
James M. Mery

Ronald J. Eichen
Joseph J. Eichen

Meritt M. Donnell
Michael M. Donnell

Henry Pascoe
John Bell Junior

Donald J. Donnell
John X. Taylor

Philip X. Wheaton
Thomas Shea

John X. Shea
John X. Shea

Joshua Pierce
Kathleen Bigelow

Neal X. M. Neal
John X. Clark

John X. Clark
John Corbett

John Sell
 Alexth McDonald Culbth
 John Cameron
 James Cameron
 John Kelly
 Donald McLehman jun^r
 Donald McLehman
 Rodmth & A. J. Daniel
 James & Daniel
 Angus & James Donald
 Charles & James Donald
 Alan Mac Donald

Recommended to the consideration of
 the House of Assembly.

Attest

In witness

5th March 1847

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