

To the Honorable Gabriel G. Ludlow esquire, president of His Majesty's Council and commander in chief of the province of New Brunswick

The Petition of James Keefe of Kennebecassis Island in Kings County humbly shewith,

That the petitioner is the owner of lot no. 5 containing 50 acres on the said Island, upon which he has lived with his Family upwards of twelve years, and of which he has about one half under cultivation.

That lot no. 9 on the said Island was, as the petitioner has been informed, granted to one Maybee, who has made no Improvement whatever upon the Lot, and the Petitioner is informed that the said Maybee has removed from the Province to the United States.

That about two months ago, the Petitioner made a verbal application to Your Honor, and represented that the said lot no. 9 was lying vacant, and the said Maybee absent from the Country – and received encouragement from Your Honor, that the said Lot should be granted to the Petitioner; and he thereupon began to clear the same, and has cut down about an acre and a half and has a small crop of turnips growing thereon. That a Brother of the said Maybee now threatens the Petitioner with a Prosecution for trespassing upon said Lot, and has forbidden him to take the said crop of the same.

That the Petitioner is the only Inhabitant of the said Island – that 50 acres he finds too small a quantity for his family; more especially as his lot is not very good. That he purchased the said Lot and has never received a Grant from Government of any Lands in this Province.

That lots no. 7 and 8 are wholly unimproved and have, like no. 9, very little ground fit for cultivation upon them, but lying in the neighbourhood of your Petitioner's lot, they would be of some value to him. That the said Lots contain fifty acres each.

The Petitioner therefore humbly prays the said Lots, if granted, may be escheated, and the whole three granted to the Petitioner, and he will ever pray

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James X Keefe
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St. John
25 Sept 1807

Note on back:

James Keefe

Praying for the escheat of lots no. 7, 8 & 9 on Kennebeckasis Island, and a grant of the same.

Read in Council Sep. 25th, 1807 and complied with.