London C.W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Febry: 1863

Messrs. Crawford & Hagarty

## Gentlemen,

I beg to apologize for my neglect of your letters of the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov. last & 3<sup>rd</sup> of Febry. [past?]: At the time of the receipt of the first, I was in daly expectation of going to Toronto where I intended seeing you upon the subject of your first letter, but circumstances prevented from time to time till [Sat?] last but lost sight of your letter altogether. Your second arrived while I was absent on my circuit, and I have been unable to take it up until now. In answer thereto I have to state ---- first with respect to the lot on Parliament Street, It belongs to the Church and should have been conveyed to the Church Wardens, it was not my fault that it was not. I am now ready and willing to do anything that I safely can do to confirm it to the Church, but I am of opinion that I should not be safe in signing a warrant [or?] deed thereof to Mr. Harris. While Mr. Gamble holds a deed of the same description for the same property. If Mr. Harris will give me a bond of Indemnity for the Execution of this second? deed I will sign it, but not otherwise, unless you can suggest some other mode that will make me equally safe. With respect to the 50ft. [square?] on Duke & Berkley Streets willed? by [Mr.]

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[Fathers?] to his Executor in trust, all I can say is that I am ready in the terms of the will to "Convey the [same?] in fee simple to such <u>Trustees</u> as shall be <u>appointed</u> by the <u>Subscribers</u> or a majority of them) of the East York Common School -----

Yours very truly, *JE Small* 

To Crawford & Hagarty In the Church lot etc. etc.