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By John Joseph Nicholas Esq. Companion of the  
Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath; Knight  
Commander of the Royal and Military Order of  
Saint Ferdinand and of Merit of the Two Sicilies  
Capt. in of His Majesty's Ship "Egeria" & Surrogate for  
the Island of Newfoundland.

Whereas Joseph Pinhorn of the South West Arm of Trinity,  
Planter, has represented to me that he has no authority to  
keep possession of a piece of ground at the back of his  
fishing room, which he has partly cleared and enclosed;  
I do therefore hereby authorize the said Joseph Pinhorn to  
keep possession of two hundred yards of beach for the  
purpose of carrying on the fishery, and two hundred  
yards of land at the back thereof, together with as much  
more land, not exceeding five acres, at the back of the two  
hundred yards as he may continue to manure & cultivate  
annually for the support of his family; this to be and  
remain in full force during the pleasure of His Excellency  
the Governor of Newfoundland.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed my Seal on board His Majesty's  
Ship "Egeria" in the Harbor of Trinity,  
Newfoundland 1820 the first year of His Majesty's  
Reign.

Signed, J. Joseph Nicholas.  
Captain and Surrogate.