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Mrs. Simcoe's diary

The new government of Upper Canada established in 1791 & Governor Simcoe was sent out early in

Kingston June 1792 a few days he decided a town in Toronto on seat of govt.

Monday Dec. 28 1795 "A party began to cut a road (ie Yonge St) from hence to the Peace Fort* near

Fort Simcoe. Mr. Jones the surveyor says the Indians killed one deer in a month.

* at Holland River, called Swillenburg after "Swillen" Mr. Simcoe's German name.

Holland Landing 38 miles from Toronto!

Wood dear about Burlington Bay & the country about end

Goote's paradise

true

there is an entry "we saw Coote's Paradise so called from a Captain Coote, who spent a great deal of time in shooting ducks in this marshy tract of land below the hill we are upon" & Capt Coote (an ancestor of mine?) was formerly of the 5th Regt of Foot a keen sportsman who spent so much time shooting ducks in the marshes they were called after him; the marsh extends from Burlington bay (head of) to Dundas

It seems to be written Coote's Paradise as well.

Gov. Simcoe went up to north apparently in 1793 to Holland River & Sac aux Claies where he renamed for his father. "We rode 30 miles to the Miciaquagan Creek, then passed a terrible bog of liquid mud. The Indians with difficulty pushed the canoe thro. we in through it. xxx He wrote to see a very respectable Indian named "Old Sail" who lives on a branch of Holland's River. He advised him to return by the eastern branch of it to avoid the swamp. They proceeded some 20 miles across Sac aux Claies . . . .

The North West Co. In 1783-4 Joseph Frobisher and Simon Mc Tavish formed it. J.F. went in 1774 as far as the Churchill river - met Indians accustomed to carry their furs to Hudson Bay & induced them to trade with him