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I suppose Mr Vivant will occasionally
have need to you my communications to him respecting
my progress with your claims against the British Government
which I should have thought would have been ever since
stood in the same predicament and I fear there is
but a very faint hope of any success until we have an
entire change of ministry. I left London in July
last, but since then some reports have reached us that
there was likely to be a change in our Ministry, and that
the Tory faction was likely to come into power. If this
be true your paper now lay in most excellent hands
- on the back of one of the Quebec forms of Attorney
you will find the name and address of my Cousin
Mr George Smith who is a solicitor of some note in
the north of Ireland and has plenty of influence with
members of parliament on the Tory side - This person
minutely examined into the nature of your claims and
he as well as others whom I showed them said there
was undoubtedly good grounds to go upon, but after
the answer given by Lord Normanby it would be useless
to again go into the matter till some change took place
mean time I have left your papers with him in
order that he may take advantage of any opening

that thro' may be to gain redress. at the same time
I should tell you that no party can in England,
Carry on or Carry on a Correspondence relative to
these claims till you either your original power
of attorney in favor of Mr Bromlaw - for this document
although it admits of his naming a substitute yet
that substitute cannot name or delegate another
therefore when I left England these powers were
useless - you had better therefore name a third party

You can name whoever you choose. but should
it be any person unconnected with us. Mr and Mr
Bromlaw - will expect to be paid the expenses
which we have already incurred -

While in this I had
some conversation with one of our officers who was
going down to the Islands. and he promised to let me
know if there was still anything there that you could
have any claims to. or if he could obtain any information
that would be useful to you. When I get my answer
from him I shall communicate it to you. -

Hoping your satisfaction that something may yet turn up out
of these claims - which I still think your un-
doubted right to a large amount

I remain Sir

Yours Very truly
John Galt Smith

Handwritten notes on the right margin, including the number '100' and some illegible cursive text.

Main body of handwritten cursive text, consisting of approximately 15 lines of dense, flowing script.

Mont. 6 Oct 1840
S. Galt Smith

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