

by Mitchell an Indian. The result of the enquiry instituted by a Report from the present Agent is that Mitchell the Indian was in fact an Occupant of the lot before Cairne commenced improvements.

Whether this Mitchell and the Michael Nicholas reported by Mr Napier are the same person (Col. Napier can explain).

But as respects the lots now asked for 5 in 11 being a Clergy Reserve cannot be granted gratuitously but 6 in 11 is a Crown Reserve and appearing open by the list of lands is of course at the Govt. disposal. These Indians are entitled to prefer a claim under Lord Durham's proclamation in the same manner as any other Occupant previous to September

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