

in the case of our Sovereign Lord the King versus Jean B. Laporte, the Nuns intervening, will be immediately carried by these ladies to the law tribunal of last resort—the Queen in Council—their right to do which is undoubted and acknowledged to be so in the Report of the Executive Council of the 13th December last. His Excellency is already apprized that the last law decision in 1840, has restored to the Nuns half of the property which the Crown in 1839 were about to grant to Laporte, their refractory tenant—and they are advised by the first law authorities in the Province that by an appeal to the Court of last resort, they will be declared to be the proprietors of the remaining half.

The opinion entertained by His Excellency that he cannot stay the issue of Patent although His Excellency will forward the memorial of the Nuns to the Colonial Minister, necessarily obliges the ladies to take this course as the only one open to them of obtaining redress ; *for in case the Patent to Laporte or his assignee is signed the decision of the Colonial Minister, if favourable to their pretensions, will be of non avail to them*

I therefore most respectfully pray, that Patent be not issued to Jean Bte. Laporte or his assignee till the appeal of the Nuns to the Queen in Council, which will be proceeded with as soon as the rules of Court permit, is finally pronounced, and that in the meantime, His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the memorial of the Nuns presented by me, to the Colonial Minister, Lord Stanley.

I return to Quebec to-morrow, and I request your reply addressed to me there.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. H. KERR.

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Secretary, East.