

mark and re-establish the obliterated lines of the lands adjoining to these, a favourable occasion is presented of doing perfect justice to all parties, by causing the survey to be extended to the lands in question: the same reason which authorizes the Company to suspect that the lines, if ever actually marked in the field, are obliterated, apply to produce a similar belief in respect to these lands. The surveyor must be directed to report specially as to the circumstances of quality and position, as usual in operations of this nature. So soon as the report is received, his Excellency will be enabled to form a judgment on the estimate to be submitted, and I shall endeavour to pay the price which his Excellency may consider it just to require under all the circumstances of the case.

I have, &c.

(signed) *W. B. Felton.*

(Enclosure 8, in No. 20.)

REPORT.

To his Excellency the Right honourable Lord *Aylmer*, K. C. B., Captain-general and Governor-in-chief of the Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c.

REPORT of a Committee of the Executive Council,—present, the Honourable Mr. Smith, Mr. De Lery, Mr. Stewart,—on a Letter from *W. B. Felton*, Esq. respecting the valuation of the lands which he is to return to the Government.

Enclosure 8.

May it please your Excellency,

THE Committee recommend that a valuation of the lands granted in excess to Mr. Felton and his family be made, as suggested in his letter of the 18th of June, by a surveyor, to be approved of by your Excellency and employed at the expense of Mr. Felton, and that such valuation be the price to be paid by Mr. Felton to Government.

All which is respectfully submitted to your Excellency's wisdom.

Council Chambers, }
13 July 1835. }

By Order,

(signed) *W. Smith*, Chairman.

(Enclosure 9, in No. 20.)

LETTER from Colonel *Craig* to Captain *Hayne*.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Castle St. Lewis, Quebec, 15th August 1835.

By an order from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, Mr. Felton has been called upon to surrender an excess of lands in Orford, which had been granted in error to certain members of his family. Difficulties having arisen in carrying this order into execution, arising principally from the grants having been made to minors, his Excellency the Governor-in-chief was pleased to refer the instructions to the Executive Council, with a request that they would offer to his Lordship their advice as to the manner in which the surrender in question could best be effected, the Council reported, in the first instance, that the difficulty which presented itself might be removed, by calling upon Mr. Felton to pay for the excess to be surrendered, at the price paid for wilderness land by parties purchasing from the Crown in the nearest township. This communication, on its being communicated to Mr. Felton, produced a letter from that gentleman, dated 18th June, containing certain suggestions, which, on being transmitted to the Executive Council, that body finally advised his Excellency to adopt the suggestions contained in Mr. Felton's letter before alluded to; copies of which reports, together with Mr. Felton's letters, and a list of the lands granted, I now enclose for your further information. With a view to obtain the most correct information as to the value of these lands, so as to frame instructions for the guidance of the surveyor, who may be employed under the report of the Executive Council of the 13th July, his Lordship is desirous to avail himself of your services in this matter, during the time you are employed in retracing the obliterated lines in Orford; and his Excellency has directed me to request you to obtain the best information in your power respecting the value of the lands granted to Mr. Felton, and report the result to me for his Lordship's information; directing your inquiries not only to the value of the lands for agricultural purposes, but also as to their present value as timber lands.

Enclosure 9.

I have, &c.

(signed) *H. Craig*, Secretary.