

[No. 2.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 31st May, 1855.

(Copy No. 62.)

MY LORD,—With reference to the subject of Sir George Grey's dispatch of April 13th No. 16, and my answer of the 11th instant, No. 47, I have the honor to enclose a copy of an Act passed by the Provincial Parliament, to which I yesterday gave my assent.

Your Lordship will see that this Act empowers the Governor in Council to make the necessary arrangements with regard to the three classes of Ordnance lands in the Colony, and provides that the formation of such classes shall be the result of an agreement between Her Majesty's Ordnance and the Governor General in Council. If any change is about to take place in the legal position of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance in England, it will be well to see that this alteration does not affect the power which they are supposed capable of exercising in the Colony under this Act.

So soon as I am in a position to take the next step towards discussing the details of the classification, I will communicate with your Lordship thereon.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

EDMUND HEAD.

To the Right Honorable
Lord John Russell,
&c., &c., &c.

[No. 3.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 4th June, 1855.

(Copy No. 67.)

MY LORD,—With reference to my despatch of the 30th of May, No. 62, relating to the Ordnance lands and their classification, I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a minute of Council (duly approved) by which the Members of the Canadian Council about to visit Europe are authorised to discuss the details of such classification, and arrange the terms of the final agreement subject to the ratification of the Executive Government in Canada.

Sir Allan McNab and Colonel Taché are already familiar with the subject, having been two of the Commissioners who made the report to which the list of these lands is appended.

I need not recall to your Lordship's mind the recommendation already made that some person should undertake the negotiation on the part of the Ordnance, who is thoroughly conversant with the localities themselves.

With this view it may perhaps be expedient that Her Majesty's Government should allow Mr. Elliott, the Ordnance Commissioner in Canada, to visit England during the present summer.

A packet of papers, which is essential the Canadian delegates should have in their possession, will be forwarded to the Colonial office by an early mail, addressed to the Honble. Sir Allan McNab, who will ask for them there.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

EDMUND HEAD.

The Right Honorable
Lord John Russell,
&c., &c., &c.