

1824.

*Enclosed.* Report of a committee of Council on the application of the Laird of McNab for a grant of land. Page 383

May 15,  
Queenston.

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 140). Is afraid that he has deviated from the usual course of establishing fees on grants of land. The method of making grants explained; the expense caused by the influx of emigrants obtaining gratuitous grants. The desire to raise a fund for defraying this expense. Complaints of land holders as to the effect of the gratuitous grants. His establishing the fees without waiting for the opinion of the Colonial Office he regrets, although it was done inadvertently and he was prevented subsequently from giving particular attention to it, but he knew that His Lordship was aware of all the details in time to prevent the measure being put in practice if not approved of. The increase of fees does not affect the emoluments of any public officer, the increase forming, in fact, a part of the Crown revenue, the expenditure of which is accounted for to the Treasury. It was the desire to raise this fund that prompted him to raise not the fees but the price of the land as the name "fees" was apt to mislead, and Hume in charges against the lieutenant governor in the House of Commons made a blunder which was ridiculous owing to not understanding the facts. The amount raised has not been enough to pay the fees for the gratuitous grants. The funds raised by the sale of public land in the United States, which might be taken as an example. Respecting the table of fees for 1819 and 1820, they are not now acted upon having been superseded by Order-in-Council of a recent date. Further remarks on the fees which he had thought Bathurst thoroughly acquainted with from correspondence with Talbot and others. The lands which it is intended to dispose of to create a fund for the advancement of education on which a particular dispatch was sent. Sends an extract of so much of the answer of 12th October, 1822, as relates to the school reserves.

387

Extract from dispatch from the Earl of Bathurst to Maitland, 12th October, 1822, authorising him to take part of the reserves for a university for the support of schools on the national plan of education.

399

Table of fees to be paid on grants of land in Upper Canada, as adopted on 31st January, 1824, on townships surveyed since 1819.

401

Table showing the distribution of fees to the officers of the land granting department under the regulations of 1804.

401a

Table of fees on grants of land in Upper Canada settled in the years 1819, 1820, 1824.

403

June 24,  
Queenston.

Maitland to ———. Sends additional remarks on fees on land grants, and suggests that the instructions should correspond more closely with the system actually pursued. Asks that the additional remarks may be added to the notes already transmitted.

404

June 5.

The same to Bathurst (No. 141). Reports the death of Colonel Nichol. His widow petitions for an allowance; recommends her case for favourable consideration.

405

*Enclosed.* Petition from Mrs. Nichol.

407

Certificates of Colonel Nichol's services.

409, 410, 411