

# RETURN

TO AN ADDRESS of the Legislative Assembly, dated 28th February, 1856, for a copy of any correspondence which may have passed between the Imperial and Provincial Governments on the subject of the assumption by this Province of the Canals, Lands, and other Properties belonging to the Board of Ordnance in Canada.

By Command,

GEO. E. CARTIER,  
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,  
Toronto, 10th March, 1856.

[No. 1.]

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Quebec, 11th May, 1855.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge Sir George Grey's Despatch of April 13th, (No. 16) with reference to the Ordnance Lands and Stores, which appears to me perfectly clear and explicit.

I have laid this despatch before my Council, and have taken steps for placing it before both Branches of the Legislature.

I have, moreover, since its receipt, conferred with Lieutenant-General Rowan, and with Mr. Elliott, Her Majesty's Ordnance Commissioner at Montreal.

The latter gentleman has furnished me with a copy of the printed Report of the Provincial Commissioners, so marked as to shew where these gentlemen differed, in their classification of the lands, from the Lieutenant-General and the commanding Engineer.

I am inclined to think it will be found expedient to depute one Member of the Canadian Council to go through the details of this classification with some one named by the Ordnance, who is conversant with the localities themselves. It would greatly expedite the settlement of these questions if this conference could take place at home, when differences in detail involving a principle might be immediately settled by reference to Her Majesty's advisers instead of being discussed, as they would necessarily be, backwards and forwards, often one at a time, in despatches from myself to the Colonial Secretary. Should your Lordship approve of this proposal, I think it might be found that the visit to Europe, in the present season, of the Hon. John Ross, a Member of my Executive Council, will afford facilities for carrying it into effect.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed)

EDMUND HEAD.

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