

H. O.

Ottawa, December 9th, 1904.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your favour of the 8th ultimo, in regard to Mr. Chas. B. Deloye's application for John Island, lying between the Manitoulin Group and the north shore of Lake Huron, and asking that this Department consent to a sale being made to Mr. Deloye, I beg leave to say that while not desiring to throw unnecessary obstacles in the way of the disposition of this or any other property that may be in dispute between the two Governments, this Department is nevertheless of the opinion that, inasmuch as the Indian Title has not been settled as extinguished so as to pass to the Crown in the right of the Province, and until such dispute is settled, the administration should remain with this Department, charged as it is with the conduct of Indian Affairs.

I, therefore, desire to say that if your Department is willing to consent to the sale of John Island to Mr. Deloye this Department is prepared to take up the proposition and dispose of it on its merits.

Yours very truly,

Aubrey White, Esq.,

Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands,
Toronto, Ontario.

James S. [Signature]
Deputy Superintendent General

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