

whole aim, scope, and tenor will be the promotion of British emigration, and the improvement of these colonies by attracting to them a portion of the superabundant capital of Britain. From the enquiries already made, I am satisfied that such a policy may be adopted with great benefit to the Mother Country and infinite advantage to these colonies. I intend that the plan founded on that policy, which I contemplate recommending, should be matured in time to form part of the political arrangements for the future government of these colonies, which it is my duty to suggest to the Imperial Legislature. With this intention, I am unwilling to entertain at present any particular scheme involving a disposal of Crown Lands. But as I also propose affording to Her Majesty's subjects in these colonies an opportunity of becoming fully acquainted with the general measures for the future disposal of Crown Lands, which I may determine on recommending; as I believe that your project may, without any alteration of its leading principles, be so modified in the details as to agree with that general measure, whereby you would become entitled to my strenuous support, and the most favorable consideration of Her Majesty's Government; and, finally, since I shall be happy, as soon as possible after you shall have become acquainted with the general measure contemplated by me, to concert with you the best means of so recommending your project, it appears to me desirable that all further communication on the subject should be postponed until after the General Commission of Crown Lands and Emigration shall have made their Report. In proposing this delay, I have no other aim, as respects your great scheme, than its earliest and most complete success.

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CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS.)
OCTOBER 24TH, 1838. {

SIR:

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General, to express his regret that in consequence of his sudden departure from this country for England, it will be impossible that he should concert with gentlemen interested in the proposed water communication between Lake Huron and the Ottawa, any measure for carrying that object into effect. The subject, however is of so great importance to the Commercial and Agricultural interests of the two Canadas, that His Excellency sincerely hopes it will not be allowed to drop, and should the parties most deeply interested in the matter, see fit to employ an agent in England to urge their wishes upon the notice of Her Majesty's Government, they may rely upon His Excellency's best exertions in promoting their views.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

(Signed,)

CHARLES BULLER.

Charles Shirreff, Esq., &c. &c. &c.