

R E T U R N

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 25th February, 1856; "For statement of Sale of Seigniories on which *droit de quint* was payable; the amount of said *droit*; if not paid, the reason why."

By command,

E. A. MEREDITH.

Assistant Secretary.

Secretary's Office,

Toronto, 3rd June, 1856.

CROWN LANDS OFFICE,

Toronto, 2nd June, 1856.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose you copy of a Report received from Mr Laurin, Agent of the Crown Domain, on the Address of the House of Assembly, on the 25th February last, for a statement of the *quint* due to the Crown; also, copy of a Return given by the late Inspector General of the Queen's Domain, dated the 5th September last, shewing the amount of *quint*, which, to his knowledge, had accrued to the Crown during the ten preceding years. With the exception of the *quint* due by Mr. Fraser, on his purchase of the Seigniorie of Contrecoeur, for the recovery of which the Law Officers of the Crown had been requested to institute legal proceedings, that was the first information the Department had of such amounts being due, and the present Agent has been instructed to call upon the respective parties for payment.

The balance of Mr. Justice Mondelet's *quint*, mentioned in the concluding part of Mr. Laurin's Report, has since been remitted by Order in Council. This balance consisted of one-third of the *quint*, which it has been the custom to remit to those paying within a certain time [six months] after purchase.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH CAUCHON.

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.

Toronto.

P.S. I likewise transmit a detailed statement of the *quint* paid, since this Department has had the management of the Domain. I would add that there is a pending claim by the Crown, of the sum of £434 8s. 10d., for *quint* on the Seigniorie of St. Ours, the proprietors of which applied for delay to furnish documents by which they pretend to be enabled to establish a claim to exemption from the payment of the mutation fines in question.