

1823.

Enclosed. Thompson to Maitland. He had bought an island from the St. Regis Indians in 1817, but retains only nominal possession, as the Indians have no legal right to the islands. His services in preparing maps from Lakes Huron and Superior and Hudson's Bay to the Pacific Ocean during the preparations of which almost incredible hardships and dangers were sustained. Although a settler with a large family, he has neither solicited nor received any grant, and prays for a grant of the island. Page 223

July 15,
Stamford.

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 102). Transmits copies of Acts passed last session. 226

September 9,
Grand River.

John Brant to Claus. Enclosed in Maitland to Bathurst, 1st November.

September 15,
York.

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 103). Sends returns of revenue and expenditure of the Colony and of the officers and persons belonging to the several departments with the nature and amount of their emoluments and disbursements for 1821. The military expenditure will, it is presumed, be sent by the commander of the forces. 228

September 16,
Fort George.

Claus to Hillier. Enclosed in Maitland to Bathurst, 1st November, 1823.

September 20,
Niagara.

The same to —. Enclosed in Maitland to Bathurst, 1st November.

September 25,
Queenston.

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 104). Transmits petition from Sir John Johnson for an island in the Niagara River on the faith of an alleged compact with the Indians with his father, Sir William Johnson. All the islands being reserved sends the petition, but sees no reason to recommend that its prayer be complied with. 230

Enclosed. Petition from Sir John Johnson, signed by William Claus, his attorney, for confirmation of the title to an island in the Niagara, it having been stipulated in the treaty with the Senecas in 1764, that all the islands from the great falls of Niagara to the rapids at the entrance of Lake Erie were to be the property of Sir William Johnson. 232

September 27,
York.

Fifth article of the treaty referred to. 234
Maitland to Bathurst (No. 105). Sends memorial from Halliday. It has been explained to him, that it has been found expedient to discontinue the establishment to which he was attached. 236

Enclosed. Memorial of John Halliday, teacher, for the continuance of his salary. 238

September 29,
Stamford.

Hillier to Claus. Enclosed in Maitland to Bathurst, 1st November.

September 30,
Queenstown.

Maitland to Wilmot Horton. Is favourable to the plan for disposing by sale of the Crown reserves. The hesitation to adopt a measure respecting land that is thought would prevent settlement; the belief of its hindrance learned by experience to be wrong. Has not changed his views on the Crown reserves, but he was opposed to having them considered as disposable to reward services which would have stripped the Crown without securing any lasting influence. It did not appear to him as to the writer of paper No. 1, that the King would obtain any influence through them except from a wise and beneficial application of the rents. Approved of the sale, as the reserve would thus be more effectually secured to the Crown than in its present shape. The growing hostility to the reserves. The effect of an invasion of the country on the Crown reserves. The benefits of the proposed plan of which he approves and which would open to the colony a living source of supply in the bosom of the parent state. References to papers respecting collection of Crown rents, &c. Criticisms on the statements in the papers enclosed. Advocates opening a land office in London giving statement of the maps, &c., requisite for supplying information. The difficulty of regulating the sales in London