

don, and the Provincial Secretary, relative to the terms upon which the Nova Scotia Gold Company, of which they are the promoters, should be permitted to work a mine at Lawrencetown. The Council ratify those terms as set forth in that correspondence, and the Lieutenant-Governor is advised to sign the lease.

At a Council held at the Government House at Halifax, this fourth day of September, 1861.

PRESENT—

His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

&c. &c. &c.

Various special applications for leases of Gold Mines at Tangier, covering spaces of one hundred and forty feet with the leads, and two hundred and fifty feet across the leads, having been made to the Government, and it being desirable to settle the general principles to be observed in respect of all such applications.

It is ordered: that hereafter no application for any such area shall be recognized, unless accompanied by a payment of one hundred and sixty dollars, which is to be taken as the first year's rent,—that thereupon the applicant to be entitled to receive a lease, reserving after the termination of the first year one hundred and sixty dollars a year, payable half yearly in advance. The lease to contain the usual clauses of mining leases, and in addition, a clause to enable the tenant at the expiration of any year to give up his lot, on giving a month's notice previously to the end of the year. Proper reservation of roads and rights of way are to be made in the leases—the lease to contain a clause giving liberty to the Government if they choose to exchange the rent after the first year, for a royalty of five per cent., the same to be subject to the review of the Legislature, and prohibiting lessees from alienating, sub-letting, or assigning such lots, or any portions thereof, without the consent in writing of the Government, on pain of forfeiture.

At a Council held at the Government House, at Halifax, on the 28th day of October, 1861,

PRESENT—

His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,

&c. &c. &c.

The attention of the Council having been called to numerous applications for mining leases, and to the policy which should be pursued at different Gold Mines, it was decided—

That the system hitherto acted upon at the Lunenburg Diggings of granting lots of thirty by thirty-three feet, for twenty dollars, be adhered to, upon all the land lying south of the base line at the Ovens, but that larger areas, not to exceed three-fourths of an acre, and five acres, may be granted on the north of that line.

That land for roads be reserved in all leases.

Areas of five acres will be hereafter leased on these conditions.

The parties applying to purchase the rights of proprietors where the land is private property, to respect the claims of persons who may have worked upon the same, define the limits of the lot applied for, and pay four hundred