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1831.

May 16,
York.

Enclosed. Memorial from inhabitants of Upper Canada for payment so long deferred of their losses sustained by the late war. Page 194

Colborne to Goderich (No. 21). Has received report on the system of disposing of Crown lands and of the best means of assisting poor emigrants. Waste lands of the Crown have generally been opened and surveyed as recommended by Richards but his plan of employing poor emigrants is too speculative. Many of them may obtain employment on canals or on the farms of old settlers, but if a large body arrive, work will have to be found for them by government and as the object of government is to improve the province rapidly and to make settlers escape the misery to which they are exposed whilst clearing their land without means to provide for their families, proposes that each head of a family should be advanced £3 for every acre cleared during the first year; be sold provisions at prime cost and to be employed in making a road near his location. The advantages of the plan proposed. Is persuaded that the industrious settler would be anxious to obtain his deed and pay his debt. A long line of townships might be opened up, about 30,000 acres sold and the rest reserved as they will increase in value. There are no means at the disposal of the provincial government to settle emigrants as proposed by Richards. Has taken preparatory steps for receiving emigrants. No time should be lost in purchasing from the Chippawas on Lake Huron. 200

Enclosed. Regulations for receiving and settling emigrants. 204

Directions to superintendents of emigration and the preparations they are to make. 205

June 3,
York.

Colborne to Hay (private). Introduces Crooks who can give correct information respecting the colony. 206

June 6,
York.

Same to Goderich (No. 22). Transmits applications from two officers who have been appointed to superintend the settlement of emigrants. As they have left their own farms for this duty recommends that they may be allowed their half pay. 207

Enclosed. Rubidge to Mudge. Having been selected as government emigration agent at Peterborough, asks that his half pay be continued otherwise he must suffer great loss. 208

June 7,
York.

O'Brien to Mudge. A similar application. 209

Colborne to Goderich (No. 23). Transmits copies of the Acts passed last session. 211

June 25,
York.

The same to Hay. Introduces Reid who can give information respecting the prospects of emigrants. He and his brother-in-law, Hon. Alex. Stewart, now find their property surrounded by a prosperous population. 220

June 25,
York.

Same to Goderich (No. 25). Transmits petition from the Presbyterian Ministers of Upper Canada in communion with the Church of Scotland respecting the clergy reserves. 212

Enclosed. Address, opposing the statements of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese of Quebec and to solicit attention to their claims. The document is of some length. 213

June 27,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No. 26). Has directed the Commissioner of Crown Lands to remit the amount collected of the clergy reserves. Sends communication from him; he has paid into the Military Chest £8,000 currency, the first sum remitted in accordance with Imperial Act. 221

Enclosed. Robinson to Mudge. Has paid into the Military Chest £8,000 currency on account of clergy reserves. 223

Receipt of Foote, Assistant Commissary General for \$32,000. 225

June 28,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No. 27). Has instructed Robinson respecting the manner of investing the public funds. He is in future to remit half yearly all sums accruing from the clergy reserves. 226