
beg to suggest the propriety of making no advance to any person until he had commenced operations on his Lot, and that a specific sum *only* be supplied to each individual in provisions and seeds, to be paid for in labour on the Roads.

At the present, all the time of myself and son is devoted to this class of men, and all the means within my power have been employed in aiding them.

I have reason to regret that so many persons of wealth and influence have not directed their attention to this important object; and in thus bringing the matter very briefly to His Excellency's notice, my desire has been to communicate a few facts which have fallen under my observation, and which are offered in behalf of the poor but willing Emigrant and settler.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

A. GESNER.

Alfred Reade, Esquire, Private Secretary, &c.

Secretary's Office, 18th February, 1842.

SIR,—In answer to your Letter of the 16th instant, on the subject of settling persons on Wilderness Lands, I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that the question is under the consideration of the Legislature, having been specially referred to them by His Excellency.

That on the Association being formed, for the settlement of the Land selected, the necessary Surveys will be made, and Commissioners appointed to open communications and carry on any local improvements which the settlers may collectively engage to execute, and for which advances may be made, but that Funds cannot be advanced to individual settlers.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed)

WM. F. ODELL.

Dr. A. GESNER.

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[See Journal 22d March, 1842.]

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Downing Street, 29th January, 1842.

SIR,—With reference to my Despatch of the 9th of December, on the subject of your proposal for effecting a consolidation of the Revenue Departments of New Brunswick, I have to transmit to you the extract of a Report from the Commissioners of Customs, dated the 13th instant, and to inform you that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have signified their readiness to afford every proper facility for the collection of the Provincial Duties, by the Officers of Her Majesty's Customs. Their Lordships, however, will defer the consideration of any arrangement which, it may be advisable to adopt for this purpose until they shall have before them the suggestions of the Commission to whom you intend to refer the subject, and the information called for by the Commissioners of Customs.

The Lords of the Treasury have further stated that they will postpone any specific instructions upon the subject of the Financial arrangements of the Province, until you shall have furnished the information required by their Letter of the 30th of November.

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