

I have the honor to request a statement showing what Islands the Dominion Government claimed or claim to be entitled to, on the north shore of Georgian Bay, and the grounds of such claim.

As soon as this information is obtained, my Government will suggest some mode by which the questions in dispute between the two Governments in respect of these Islands, and in respect of the Islands on the east shore of Georgian Bay, south of Mooso Deer Point, may be determined.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. B. ROBINSON, *Lieutenant-Governor Ontario.*

Hon. Secretary of State.

OTTAWA, April, 1883.

SIR,—In reply to your despatch of the 4th inst., I have the honor to inform you that your despatch of the 22rd of May last, with respect to the alleged sale by the Dominion Government, for a nominal consideration, of La Cloche Island, situated near the north shore of Georgian Bay, is under consideration.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

G. POWELL, *Under Secretary of State.*

His Honor Lieut.-Governor, Ontario.

TORONTO, 4th April, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honour to draw your attention to my despatch, of the 23rd of May last, with respect to the alleged sale by the Dominion Government, for a nominal consideration of La Cloche Island, situated near the north shore of Georgian Bay, and to request that the information therein desired be furnished as early as is practicable.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. B. ROBINSON, *Governor, Ontario.*

Hon. Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, 13th APRIL, 1883.

SIR,—On the 19th of June last certain papers were referred to you, relating to the respective claims of the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government of Ontario, to La Cloche Island, and other Islands, together with certain books and documents in connection with the whole question included in my letter.

To the letter in question no reply has yet been received, and as the Government of Ontario is pressing, through His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor for the information desired, I shall be glad to receive your reply at the earliest possible date.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

R. SINCLAIR,

*For the Deputy Superintendent-General Indian Affairs.*

G. W. BURBIDGE, Esq., Deputy Minister of Justice.