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29 Jan 7

Sir,

In reply to your letter of
 the 26th ultimo enclosing an applica-
 tion from Mr Thomas Sawyer
 to purchase land in Cockburn Island
 or to be allowed to build a dock
 thereon, I have to request that you
 will inform the applicant that
 the land on that Island is not at
 present in the market and that con-
 sequently his request to purchase
 cannot be taken into consideration
 nor can he be granted permission to
 build a dock there.

I am,

Sr,

J. C. Sheppes Esq
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Your obedient servant
 H. M. Smith
 Deputy of the Minister
 of the Interior