

land, the property of the Crown, situate in the County of Megantic, and also of papers explaining the position and objects of the Company at the present time.

"I am further desired by His Excellency to express his entire approval of the objects, which the Company was established to advance; namely, the opening for settlement new and available districts in this Province, and locating thereon a body of industrious and orderly settlers of British origin—The present position of the Province of Lower Canada, in respect of its natural advantages for settlement and cultivation, and the circumstances by which, hitherto, these advantages have been rendered to so great an extent unavailing, have already occupied His Excellency's careful attention, and it is his belief, no less than his desire, that means may be devised of removing the obstacles to settlement, now presented by the circumstances to which I have adverted, and of introducing into the Province an emigrant population, by whom its great natural resources may be developed, and who may contribute to its rapid advance in prosperity and power.

"With such feelings and views His Excellency would have felt great pleasure in giving his sanction to any undertaking by which the important objects to which I have just adverted, might be forwarded. But, in the present case, considering that the obstacles which now exist in the way of settlement in this Province, appear to have arisen, mainly, if not entirely, from the manner in which land the property of the Crown has been disposed of, up to the present time, and that it is the intention of His Excellency to recommend to the Imperial Government a comprehensive and uniform system for the future disposal of that property, one main feature of which will be, that it is to be subject to no exceptions, on any pretence whatever, His Excellency has been compelled to come to the conclusion that the grant for which the Commissioners have applied on behalf of the