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DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS,

Jesuits' Estate and Crown Domain Branch,

Quebec, 9th November, 1864.

Sir,

I would beg to call your attention to my letter of the 24th ultimo, having reference to the DeLery Patent case.

Nearly all the mining operations of the past and present season have been carried on exclusively in the Seigniorie of Rigaud-Vaudreuil, the Crown having only received for license fees elsewhere some \$66, while it is reported that about \$50,000 were taken out in the Seigniorie in question last season and at least \$100,000 during the present one, the Crown Royalty on which alone, without reference to previous operations, under the Patent, reaches \$15,000, of which no part whatever has been received.

As the public revenue suffers from the Crown being deprived of these, its just rights, it is most desirable that something should be done towards securing these rights, as well for the past as for the future, and I have therefore the honor to request you to be so good as to give the matter as early an attention as you conveniently can, with a view to suggest some means to arrive at the object sought by the Department, viz : the collection of all arrears and future payment of the Royalty.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) A. CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Honorable The Attorney General,
for Lower Canada, &c., &c., &c.

ERRATA.

On page 7 the amount of Land Sales in the Chaudière and St. Francis Divisions is stated as 219,900 acres, whereas it should be 289,488 acres.