

## RETURN

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To an ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated 1st February, 1884;—For copies of all Correspondence, Despatches and Orders in Council, not already brought down, in reference to Subsidies or Grants for the Province of Manitoba, the extension of its Boundaries, the Territory disputed between it and the Province of Ontario; its School Lands; the Public Lands within the Province, and Railway questions affecting the same.

By Command,

J. A. CHAPLEAU,

Department of the Secretary of State,  
13th March, 1884.

*Secretary of State.*

To the Right Honorable Sir JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL, Marquis of Lorne, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same.

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :**

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba, in session assembled, humbly approach Your Excellency for the purpose of representing :—

That whereas certain settlers in the newly added territory were settled on odd numbered sections previous to the survey in the years 1879 and 1880, and said settlers have made large improvements with the hope of obtaining these lands.

And whereas the Dominion Government did, in the fall of 1881, pass an Order in Council allowing all who had settled on their land, in 1879, a right to make homestead and pre-emption entries.

And whereas efforts have been made on behalf of the settlers of 1880, in order that they might be allowed the same right; and whereas, up to the present time, the said settlers have not been allowed to make their entries, and are still living on suffrage.

That it is the opinion of this House that the said settlers should be dealt with liberally, and that they should be allowed to make homestead and pre-emption entries.

We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Excellency, in Council, will be pleased to take such steps as, in Your Excellency's knowledge of the circumstances, as set forth in the foregoing statements, Your Excellency may deem necessary and expedient for the attainment of the object sought for by this Legislature.

G. McMICKEN, *Speaker.*

WINNIPEG, 29th May, 1882.

OTTAWA, 13th November, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of a letter which has been addressed to the Secretary of State by the Honorable the Provincial Secretary