

recommend all applications to be referred as of course to the Attorney General for his opinion, as a part of his public duty. I have not seen the papers in the Executive Council office to which Mr. Hepburn refers.

All these cases were referred to the Atty Genl and the Ex Council.

A reference to the Account Book and the rough abstract- inserted in this report will shew the principal items and their distribution, but a specific detail of all the assets no where appears. Nor is it stated upon what authority the payments on account of the Six Nations have been made. Some explanation on these heads is wanting, and I consider it important to be determined how the Capital sums accruing from lands sold or other sources are to be invested or disposed of. In short the pecuniary interests of this people are large; and mismanagement having been complained of, such arrangements are called for as shall exhibit with accuracy and precision all transactions respecting the receipt and expenditure of their monies.

The New England Company.

The Missionary services of this Company have there is reason to believe been meritorious and useful, but I cannot refrain from observing that there appears an eagerness among some of the Missionary societies to be clothed with titles to lands, in the midst of the Indian Settlements more perfect than the Government has yet been willing to concede to the Indian themselves, and if those Religious Societies either distrust the Government, or require to be placed on a more secure footing than there converts- it cannot be wondered at that a like distrust or desire, should actuate those who are much more largely interested, While the good faith of the Government is not suffered to be violated,

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