

case be inserted in conformity to Mr. Secretary Stanley's Despatch of the 10th September, 1833, for securing to the public the use of a towing path along the beach, and also free and convenient access to and from the river St. Lawrence.

Certified,

(Signed,)

GEORGE H. RYLAND.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Executive Council, dated 6th May, 1836.

And it being the opinion of the Board that the Crown should not be considered as restrained by the grant now made from making grants of the deep water in front of the Beach in question to such persons and to such extent as shall be found for the advantage of commerce and navigation.

It was accordingly ordered by His Excellency, with the advice of the Board, that a communication to this effect be made to the parties interested in the present Grant of the Beach Lot.

Certified,

(Signed,)

GEORGE H. RYLAND.

## II.

Report of Council, 27th June, 1836.

EXTRACT of a Report made by a Committee of the whole Council, dated 27th June, 1836, on the further representation of Messrs. Petry and Bonner.

Approved by His Excellency the Governor in Chief in Council, 21st September, 1836.

Upon your Excellency's further reference of the Memorial of Messrs. Bonner and Petry, complaining of the high rate of valuation affixed by the Report of Council of 16th January, 1836, to the Beach Lot at L'Ance-des-Mères, thereby recommended to be granted to Mr. Fraser on certain conditions; the Committee have resumed the consideration of this subject with a view to the revival of that Report, and as the Committee proceeded on that occasion upon the assumption that other properties of the like description had been valued at the same rate, they have again enquired into former valuations of Beach and Water Lots in the neighbourhood of L'Ance-des-Mères and have received oral testimony from different gentlemen as to the comparative value of Beach Lots and of deep water Lots; they have also obtained from Messrs. Davidson and Freer, who had been employed in 1832 to estimate the value of the Beach Lot granted at L'Ance-des-Mères to Mr. J. S. Campbell, an explanation of the grounds on which they proceeded in that instance in determining the amount of rent to be paid by Mr. Campbell which is particularly referred to by Messrs. Bonner and Petry as far less than it is now proposed to demand from them, on the latter point it has been shewn to the satisfaction of the Committee that although Beach property would seem from its nature to be of a more certain and permanent value than deep water Lots, which in the Coves near L'Ance-des-Mères have been valued at 2d per superficial foot, and although the latter require a considerable outlay and capital to render them profitable and the improvements made are subject to constant deterioration, this description of property bears a peculiar and higher value from the particular circumstances of the Timber Trade and from the advantages which it affords directly and indirectly by the facilities of mooring and boarding Ships.

With respect to former actual valuations of Beach Lots in the Coves above Quebec, it appears to the Committee on a reference to the award made by Messrs. Davidson and Freer in the case of the grant to Mr. Campbell immediately adjoining the Lot applied for by Mr. Fraser that in point of fact the beach in that case was valued on a comparison with that of Sillery Cove at a minute fraction less than 2d. per superficial foot, which is the valuation affixed in the Report of the Committee against which Messrs. Bonner and Petry now remonstrate; but it has been verbally explained to the Committee by Messrs. Davidson and Freer that in fixing the rent to be paid by Mr. Campbell at the reduced rate of £10 per annum, they were influenced by particular circumstances not mentioned in their Report, that they took into consideration the previous outlay of a large sum by Mr. Campbell on the Beach without which it could not have been made available, that they had reference also to the amount of rent which the same Beach had at different periods previously produced, although the conditions of the grant to Mr. Campbell were influenced by considerations of a special nature which prevent the Committee from receiving it as a precedent to govern other cases, they are disposed to recommend that Messrs. Bonner and Petry should have the