

Enclosure.

SIR,

Charlotte Town, January 27, 1876.

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant asking us to furnish you with a report of all proceedings before the Commissioners under the Land Purchase Act, 1875, and also embracing therein the subsequent action of the several proprietors in the Supreme Court who may either have applied for the amounts of their awards or have moved the Court to have the award set aside, we beg to submit the following Report:—

1°. The assent of the Governor-General to the Land Purchase Act, 1875, was published in the Canada Gazette on the 26th of June 1875.

2°. On the 2nd day of August 1875 the Commissioner of Public Lands, under the second section of the Land Purchase Act, 1875, notified George W. De Blois, Esq., the known and recognized agent of Charlotte Antonia Sullivan, that the Government of this Island intended to purchase her township lands in this Island under the said Act.

3°. A similar notice was also served upon the under-mentioned proprietors or their agents on the dates set opposite their respective names; that is to say, on—

Robert Bruce Stewart on the 20th July 1875.

S. C. B. P. Fane per G. W. De Blois, Agent, 2nd August 1875.

Sir Graham Graham Montgomery per S. H. Hanland, Agent, on 2nd August 1875.

Right Hon. Lord Viscount Melville per John Longworth, Agent, on 26th July 1875.

Lt.-Col. Cumberland and wife per E. J. Hodgson, Agent, on 26th July 1875.

Maria J. M. Fanning per E. J. Hodgson, Agent, on 26th July 1875.

John A. MacDonell on 23rd July 1875.

James F. Montgomery on 24th July 1875.

William Cundall on 24th July 1875.

E. M. Cundall on 24th July 1875.

4°. The Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, the Commissioner appointed by the Governor-General in Council, arrived in this Island to enter upon his duties on or about the 29th day of July 1875. J. T. Jenkins, Esq., had been previously appointed Commissioner on behalf of the Government of this Island by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

5°. J. S. Carvell, Esq., was on the 31st day of July 1875 appointed Commissioner on behalf of William Cundall and Eliza Mary Cundall, two of the proprietors; and on the same day the three Commissioners under the 13th section of the Act notified the Commissioner of Public Lands of Mr. Carvell's appointment. On the same day the Commissioner of Public Lands presented a petition to the Commissioners under the 14th section of the Act. The notice required by the 14th section of the time and place of hearing the matters referred to, the Commission was in these two cases published in the Royal Gazette of the date of 31st July 1875, and the time of hearing was fixed for Monday, the 16th August 1875.

6°. On 5th August 1875 the Commissioner of Public Lands was notified of the appointment of R. G. Haliburton as Commissioner on behalf of the following proprietors, namely:—Charlotte A. Sullivan, R. B. Stewart, S. C. B. P. Fane, Sir Graham Graham Montgomery, Right Hon. Lord Viscount Melville, Lieut.-Col. Cumberland and wife, Maria S. M. Fanning, John A. MacDonell, and James F. Montgomery. Petitions were immediately presented to the Commissioners by the Commissioner of Public Lands, and an advertisement in each case published, appointing Monday, 23rd August, as the day for hearing the matters referred under the Act.

7°. The Commission met for the first time on Monday, August 16th, in the matter of the estates of William Cundall, and Eliza Mary Cundall, and sat till Wednesday (inclusive), when it adjourned till August 23rd.

On 23rd August Court again met and sat continuously until Friday, the 3rd day of September, during which time the estates of Charlotte A. Sullivan, R. B. Stewart, Sir Graham G. Montgomery, Hon. Spencer, C. B. P. Fane, Lord Melville, James F. Montgomery, Col. Cumberland and Miss Fanning were brought before the Court in rotation, and the evidence and addresses of counsel heard.

On the 3rd day of September the Court adjourned till Monday, the 11th day of October; the Chairman, Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers, stating that he would be unable to act as Commissioner any longer.

On Saturday, the 4th September, awards were made by the Commissioner in all the before mentioned estates adjudicated upon by them, the proprietors' Commissioner declining to join in those of R. B. Stewart and Charlotte A. Sullivan.