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## LETTER FROM COMMISSIONERS OF CANADA COMPANY.

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CANADA COMPANY OFFICE,

TORONTO, 15th January, 1837.

Sir,

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, enclosing an Address from the House of Assembly, requesting His Excellency to lay before them a statement, in detail, of the several sums of money expended by the Canada Company, and brought to their credit in account with the Executive Government, in part payment for Lands sold them, in this Province—for making Roads, building Bridges, Wharves, Piers, or any other erection—the names of the different contractors, the specific sums paid for such contract, separately, and, apart from any thing connected with the private business of the Company.

As also the name or names of the persons, that had examined, and approved of each expenditure, on the part of the Executive Government—before the commencement, and after the completion of the several works.

Also, a statement of the several sums placed to the credit of the said Company, on account of the surveying of Lands, naming the Lands and Townships surveyed, and the person or persons by whom the surveys had been performed.

And further, that His Excellency would be pleased to inform the House of Assembly whether the Canada Company had performed the conditions of the agreements made with the Government according to the terms of their Charter.

Your letter informs us it is the request of His Excellency that we should transmit you such information, at our early convenience, as should enable His Excellency to comply with the prayer of the House, and agreeably with such request we now beg leave to submit the following Report :

The points on which the required information is sought, are confined to the Huron Tract, principally, and are connected with those portions of the purchase money which the Canada Company were allowed to expend in improvements.

In lieu of the Clergy Reserves, agreed to be sold the Canada Company, in the first instance, for the sum of £145,150 5 0. The Government substituted to the Company a Block of Land in the London and Western Districts, called the "Huron Territory," and containing one million acres, unsurveyed, at a distance from all settlements, without either the advantage of roads or even contiguity to them—advantages which the Clergy Reserves possessed in a superior degree.

In consequence of these circumstances, the Company were allowed one-third of the purchase money agreed to be paid for this Tract of Land to be expended in public works.

This amounted to £48,343 8 4, as will be found per the first clause of the arrangements between His Majesty's Government and the Canada Company, dated Downing-Street, 23rd May, 1826.

The 2nd clause specifies the public works contemplated, being Canals, Bridges, High Roads, Churches, Wharves, and School Houses.

The 3rd clause—That although the plans and estimates of such works will originate with the Company, they must invariably be submitted by them to the Governor in Council, prior to his consent being given, that the expense of the undertaking, when completed, shall be placed to the credit of the Company.

The 5th clause requires the Company to lay before the Governor in Council a statement of the cost incurred by them, in carrying such undertakings into effect, and sets forth that if the Governor in Council should deem such works to have been duly executed, the Company shall be allowed credit in account for the amount actually expended.

The 8th clause sets forth that the Block of one million acres shall be surveyed at the expense of His Majesty's Government.

At the present period the Canada Company have completed the formation of about 100 miles of road, superior to any which are to be found in this Province, erected the necessary bridges, &c. at a cost of £26,274 10 0, for which they have submitted the required vouchers and received credit for the same with the Government. They have submitted the estimates of the expense of making about 38 miles more, amounting to £3,088 8 0, which were approved of, and the works are now nearly completed, when the proper vouchers will be laid before His Excellency in Council.

The following statement will shew the periods when those estimates were submitted, when they were approved of, and when the vouchers for the outlay were laid before the Government, in order that the amount so expended might be placed to the credit of the Company, and that the proper forms have all been regularly attended to.

In conformity with these clauses, the Canada Company submitted estimates of the following