

ADDITIONAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE GOLD FIELDS.

At a Council held at the Government House, at Halifax, on the 15th day of June, 1861.

PRESENT—

His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,

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It is ordered that so many lots of twenty feet from east to west, by fifty feet north to south, in Tangier, or elsewhere in the Province, as may from time to time be required, be set off and surveyed by metes and bounds, and marked on the ground and on a plan to be kept for that purpose by the local Commissioner, a duplicate whereof is to be on file at the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands; that applicants for lots shall be entitled to them in order of the priority of application. The rent for the current year shall be twenty dollars (\$20), payable in advance on the making of the application.

A Commissioner to be placed in charge of the mines on behalf of the Government. All applications for lots to be made to him in writing, and filed with him. On such application being made, and the rent of twenty dollars (\$20) being deposited with him, he shall mark on the plan the name of the applicant, and deliver to him a ticket, requiring him at the same time to sign a memorandum of the terms of the license.

No license to be assignable without the consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The monies received by the local Commissioner shall be transmitted weekly, with a statement of whence derived, to the Receiver General, to be placed to the credit of an account to be opened in respect of Gold Mines.

It shall be the local Commissioner's duty in the meantime, in addition to the above, to make a weekly report to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, setting forth, as nearly as may be, the number of persons at the Mines; the number actually engaged in mining and prospecting operations; the particular claims yielding gold, specifying the lots by number, and classifying them numerically, according to their supposed value; an approximate statement of the quantity of gold obtained during the week, together with such remarks relative to the conduct, character, health, lodging, support, or other particulars in connection with the population, as he may consider important. The local Commissioner's remuneration to be determined subsequently.

The Postmaster General is authorized to open a way office at Tangier, and to make up, in addition to the present mail, a weekly mail by the *Neptune*.

The expenditure incurred by Mr. Anderson in opening a road from the shore to the mines, by order of His Excellency, and in cutting a path from Tangier River to Pope's Harbor, are hereby ratified. Mr. Anderson to be instructed to transmit an account, duly attested to, on approval of which by Government he will be entitled to draw for the amount out of the sum transmitted by him to the Receiver General.

The proprietors of the soil, on proof of ownership to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, shall be entitled to draw from the Receiver General four dollars (\$4) in respect of every lot paying a rent of twenty dollars (\$20), to be accepted in lieu of all claim for compensation for damage.