

be entrusted with the management of the Pecuniary and all other concerns of the Resident Tribes to whatever extent the parties interested may sanction. His accounts should be checked, and regularly audited by the usual Public Departments, and all surplus monies be promptly invested, according to a standing order that should be issued for his guidance and for the performance of which duty ample security should be exacted. Owing to Mr. Thompson's claim it has become a question whether the £2000 which Mr. Dunn proposed to distribute should not be paid to him the justness of the claim being admitted, it ought to be satisfied. Its origin does not appear, but it is most likely an additional incumbrance arising from the large purchase of Navigation Stock. I concur with Mr. Jarvis in his views of the proper mode of disposing of the Indian Capital and if the £2000 is at once distributed, as the Council seem to recommend, it should only be diverted provisionally from its proper channel, and be replaced hereafter by charging it upon future disposable assets at the earliest convenient period. There is no evidence of the fraud or collusion imputed to Mr. Hepburn, and I hardly think the decision of various applications for patents should have been left so much to him- Nothing appears from which it can be at all surmised, that he did not at all times exercise his best discretion and a sound judgment- but when the licenses of occupation for town lots, on the Military Reserve at Amherstburgh, were some years ago confirmed by Grants,- every case was if I remember correctly, laid before the Attorney General and reported upon by him, and I think a like course should have been observed in relation to the Grand River Tract. It was more properly Mr. Hepburn's duty to collect the documentary evidence, and to prepare the cases, than to decide upon them- and in future I would recommend