

deal with retroactively I am not aware, but it has been intimated to me that some of the Acts of my predecessor in closing the creeks against further location were considered illegal, and it was intended to bring action against the government for damages through the refusal to record claims on such creeks by parties who located and applied for record. Possibly the Minister of the Interior can give you more definite information on the matter than I can. Council passed the Ordinance at the request of the government at Ottawa, as it was directed at the time, and did not inquire particularly into the reasons for its passage.

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM OGILVIE,
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OTTAWA, 1st August, 1900.

Enclosure.

DEAR MR. OGILVIE,—I beg to inclose you herewith draft copy of an Ordinance which it is the wish of the minister should be passed at the earliest convenience of the Yukon council, and a copy certified and returned to this office.

This is an important matter and should be dealt with at once. Your kind attention will therefore oblige.

Yours, &c.,

JAS. A. SMART.

Wm. Ogilvie, Esq., Commissioner, Dawson, Yukon Territory.

Ordinance No. of 1900.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST OFFICERS OF THE CROWN.

Assented to, 1900.

The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the advice and consent of the council of the said territory, enacts as follows :—

1. In the case of any Ordinance, regulation, rule, order, decision, direction or instruction given or made by the Governor in Council, the Commissioner in Council of the Yukon Territory, or by any Minister of the Crown, or by a Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, or by any person who now occupies or formerly did occupy the position of Chief Executive Officer of the government of Canada in the Yukon Territory relating to the government of the said territory, or the Acts or conduct of any of the officers of the government of the said territory, nothing which has been done prior to the first day of July, 1900, under, in pursuance of, or in consequence of such Ordinance, regulation, rule, order, decision, direction or instruction shall be the subject of, or shall sustain or give rise to or support any action, suit or petition or proceeding for damages against any person whatsoever.

The Deputy Minister of Justice to the Deputy Minister of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OTTAWA, 6th February, 1901.

SIR,—I am directed to inform you that in examining the ordinances of the Yukon Territory for the last year I notice particularly No. 33, intituled 'An Ordinance relating to proceedings against officers of the Crown,' which is intended to do away with any cause of action which may have existed for anything done prior to 1st July, 1900,