

part with the requirements of the law, the enforcing of the same by the adoption of proceedings to exact the penalties provided in case of neglect, may be obviated.

You will receive no further notification from the Department.

I have the honor to be,

&c., &c., &c.,

(Signed,) A. CAMPBELL,

Commr. of Cr. Lds.

ALEXR. CHAUSSEGROS DELERY, Esquire,
&c., &c., &c.,
Ste. Marie or St. François,
Beauce.

[Translation.]

Quebec, 5th October, 1864.

SIR,

In answer to your letters, asking from Mr. DeLery a statement of the quantity of gold found by him in the Seigniory Rigaud-Vaudreuil, before the passing of the Act 27 and 28 Vic. c. 9, in virtue of the 33rd clause of the said Act, we are authorized by Mr. DeLery to answer that he never either worked himself or caused to be worked any gold mines in the said seigniory by virtue of the letters patent that he has from the Crown, and that therefore it is impossible for him to comply with your demand. For some years past Doctor Douglass, of Beauport, has held the right of working the said gold mines, in virtue of a lease granted him by Mr. DeLery. Immediately after the passing of the Act 27 and 28 Vic. c. 9., Mr. DeLery, by protest before Notaries, notified Dr. Douglass to conform himself to the section 33 of the said Act, as regards the government. Mr. DeLery is not aware whether Doctor Douglass did so.

Mr. DeLery has also directed us to inform you, that he did not think himself in all cases obliged to conform to the section 33, of the said Act, in rendering to government the statements ordered by the said section, since the spirit of the law was to aid the government in collecting what might be due to it under certain letters patent, and that Mr. DeLery, neither by himself nor by others, has ever worked the gold mines in the limits prescribed by the said Letters Patent in such a manner as to owe the government any sums whatever.

We remain, &c., &c.

(Signed,) TACHEREAU & BLANCHET,

Attorneys.

The Honorable A. CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

[Copy.]

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS,

Jesuits' Estates and Crown Domain Branch,

Quebec, 24th October, 1864.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the following case for your opinion, viz :

On the 14th September, 1846, upon petition of the then Seigniors of the Seigniory of Rigaud-Vaudreuil (herewith,) that according to the laws of France they were entitled to a preference to work certain mines of gold and other precious metals in the said Seigniory, Letters Patent (copy also herewith) issued in their favor, granting such right to them, their heirs and assigns for ever, subject to certain conditions, expressed in said Letters Patent, and among others, to the payment of a Royalty of 10 per cent. on the whole gross produce of the ores, from the time of melting (smelting) the said ores for the first time in working furnaces.