

Captain Robinson

Sir,

Referring to our recent correspondence on the subject of the Squatters in the West and to the circumstance that at Billie Port Credit, Thibault's Bay and in short most of the Indian Lands open for sale under your superintendence there are many lots still unsold some of which have recently been revealed the Governor General is of opinion that it would be for the interests of the Indians that the vacant Lots should be offered for sale at public auction soon after the Navigation opens next Spring. Before however deciding upon this step His Excellency wishes to ascertain your views on the subject. Should it be adopted the official valuation would be made the upset price of the lands and timely notice of the intention of the Department ought to be given in the several localities in question. The Dept. cannot acknowledge any claim on the part of a Squatter to the land which he occupies, but parties having made improvements will thus have an opportunity of coming forward and might be accepted as purchasers on paying interest on the purchase money for the term of their occupation together with the 1st instalment.

Yours &c
Signed / R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.

M. Compt. Genl. Robinson

Sir,

5586. I am directed to transmit to you herewith the Governor General's covering Warrant No. 850 for the sum of £716.17.7 Sterling paid for salaries and pensions in the Indian Department for the quarter ended the 30th September last, at the different Commissioner's Posts mentioned in the Vouchers and schedule which are enclosed to me on the 2^d Inst. His Excellency does not however clearly apprehend why the salaries of the Superintendent and Interpreter of Canada East should exceed

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those of the corresponding Offices in Canada West by 19/6 on the former and 5/8 on the latter case as he is under the impression that by the arrangement adopted in 1845 these Offices were to enjoy respectively the same emoluments viz. the Superintendent £350 Currency per annum and the Clerks and Interpreters £100 currency per annum.

Yours &c
Signed / R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.

J. B. Clark

Indian Department
Quebec 9th December 1851.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 5585. of the 25th ult. enclosing Mr. Thomas Swann's account for erecting five dwelling houses for the use of the New Credit Indians amounting to the sum of £187.10 Currency, and to inform you that a warrant for its payment has been passed in favor of that gentleman for whose use I transmit a Letter of Powers of Attorney.

Yours &c
Signed / R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.

Hon. Mr. Macpherson

Bureau du Department Indian
Quebec 9 Decembre 1851.

Monsieur,

5453.

J'ai reçu votre lettre d'Octobre dernier et je suis chargé de vous exprimer les remerciements du Gouvernement General pour vos efforts en aide de la suppression de la vente des liquides alcoolisés et des autres irregularités parmi les Indiens. Messieurs Henside et Lupton avec lesquels j'ai eu de la communication sur ce sujet sont si constamment occupés de leurs devoirs spéciaux pendant la distribution des Présents qu'ils n'ont que très peu de loisir pour l'execution de leurs fonctions Magistrielles, mais Son Excellence ne peut douter qu'ils desireront sincèrement mettre fin à de tels procedés - et ils ont reçu les instructions positives de Son Excellence de faire tout possible pour prevenir de telles abus parmi