
PORTAGE ISLAND, MIRAMICHI.

To His Excellency, The Honorable John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

In answer to Your Excellency's commands, requiring a "full statement, shewing the present state of Portage Island in the Bay of Miramichi, the tenure by which the said Island is now held, and whether the same, or any part of it is under Lease, or otherwise, the amount of rents secured on such Leases, and the amounts due thereon at the present time, with the names of the Lessees, and defaulters, if any, and all other information relative to the said Island,"—I have the honor to state, that by an order of the Governor in Council, dated 13th April, 1850, Portage Island, containing 1114 acres of ungranted Crown Land, was set apart and declared to be a Fishing Reserve, and it is now held for that purpose.

No part of it is at present under Lease, and consequently there are no rents whatever received or due.

The Beaches around the Island are understood to be used for Fishing purposes: Wild Grass is also annually cut and carried away from it, but both are done without permission from the Government.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

JAMES BROWN, *Sur. Gen.*

Crown Land Office, 3rd March, 1858.
