

Land Granting Department would be received as conclusive testimony of the circumstances of the sale. As this point however has been brought to the notice of the House of Assembly, they will doubtless take the necessary steps for guarding against any inconvenience, and obviating any doubts of the nature which you anticipate. But it may perhaps be necessary to take more effectual means than have hitherto been adopted for ensuring the safe custody of the records of the Land Granting Department, and for making it appear on the face of every sale whether the conditions necessary to its validity have been strictly complied with. These are measures which it will be competent to you in your Executive capacity to effect, and if they are not fully provided for by the Legislature, I would request you to take such steps as may appear to you most likely to be effectual for the object.

"7th. You desire in consideration of the responsibility imposed on you, and with reference to your instructions under the Royal Sign Manual, to receive either an authority under the Sign Manual or an order from His Majesty's Privy Council, empowering you to give your assent to the Bill for surrendering to the Assembly the Casual and Territorial Revenue. I do not exactly understand to what part of your instructions you here allude, but I presume it is to the 14th clause in which you are directed not to give your assent to any Bill of an unusual or extraordinary nature or importance, or affecting His Majesty's prerogative, unless a clause be inserted suspending its operation until His Majesty's pleasure shall be known. The object of that instruction however being to prevent the temporary operation of Acts which His Majesty in Council may afterwards see cause to disallow, and His Majesty's concurrence in the draft of the Bill enclosed in my Despatch of the 31st October last having been already announced to you, I do not see any ground for departing in the present instance from the usual course in such matters.

"I have the honor to be, &c. &c.

(Signed)

"GLENELG."

Major General Sir A. Campbell, Bart. G. C. B.  
&c. &c. &c.

"DOWNING STREET, 4th January, 1837.

"SIR,

"YOUR Despatch of the 6th of June, No. 32, respecting the forms in which Patents should be made for the Grant of Lands in cases where the purchaser does not pay down the full price in ready money at the time of entering into the contract, is so intimately connected with one of the subjects of my recent Instructions of the 31st August and 5th September, on the general settlement of the affairs of New Brunswick, that I advert to that Despatch, at present, rather with a view to fill up an apparent chasm in our official correspondence, than for any other purpose. Amongst the questions connected with the settlement of Crown Lands upon which His Majesty's Government desire to act in concert with the local Legislature, and upon their advice, the modes in which conveyances are to be made from the Crown, and all that relates to the forms of such instruments, are to be numbered. By whatever methods simplicity, dispatch and economy can be most effectually secured, this branch of the Public Service will be most advantageously conducted.

"I do not attempt the solution of this problem, but trust that it will engage the attention of the Council and Assembly, to whom you will have the goodness to communicate in the usual manner a copy of this Despatch, and of the correspondence of which it forms a part.

"I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

"GLENELG."

Major General Sir A. Campbell, Bart. G. C. B.  
&c. &c. &c.

"BERNER'S HOTEL, 23d March, 1837.

"MY LORD,

"IN conformity with Your Lordship's desire expressed to me in the course of the interview Your Lordship honored me with on Monday last, I now submit in writing for Your Lordship's consideration the substance of certain proposed alterations which I am instructed by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick to bring under Your Lordship's notice, as important to be made in the draft of the Civil List Bill for that Colony, as sent out by Your Lordship to be laid before the Provincial Legislature, in December last.

"First. In respect to the amount that is to be granted by the Legislature, Your Lordship will perceive by reference to the Despatch from His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell, of 25th November last, that the present charges on the Civil List of the Province amount in currency to £14,642; to pay which, and give to His Majesty's Government the surplus of £566 sterling, (equal to £653 1s. 6d. currency in dollars at 4s. 4d. or to £628 17s. 9d. at the usual rate of exchange,) would require a grant from the Legislature in currency of £15,295 or £15,271 per annum, according to the rate of exchange at which the surplus may be calculated; and if it is intended out of that surplus to make provision for an efficient Audit Department in the Province, the expenditure will be probably in salaries, which, if fixed in sterling, will be paid I presume at the same rate as the other salaries on the Civil List of the Province.

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