

“ d'un coté au sud ouest à une ligne qui la sépare du Fief Gaudarville, lesquelles lignes ont été tirées, l'une il y a environ vingt-cinq ans, et l'autre il y a environ quarante.”

It is therefore apparent from the whole of the titles, that as the previous Grant of the year 1647, was to be fulfilled and satisfied in the *first* instance, and as no retrocession to the Crown has or can be shewn disposing Giffard of any part of the lands granted to him, commencing upon the River St. Charles; and as the depth between the River St. Lawrence and St. Charles, is but one league and a half instead of four leagues, and as the Jesuits when seeking to obtain the Grant for themselves, in lieu of the Indians who had deserted Sillery, accept of it, as being of the depth of one league and a half only, terminating where St. Gabriel commences, that is, at the River St. Charles; there is no remaining tract of one league in *front* by two leagues and one half in depth, to which the Indians or any other person can possibly lay claim.

I have not thought it necessary to trouble Your Excellency with any remarks, upon the manifest contradictions which the pretended figurative plan of Mr. Ecuyer exhibits, as I conceive the case to be sufficiently clear from the foregoing explanation of the several titles relating to the property in question, and for the same reason I forbear to enter into the enquiry, (if in point of fact, it had or could have been made out, that there is no existing tract to which the alledged claim of the Lorette Indians would apply,) whether under the Law of Prescription their claims thereto are not now for ever barred?

All which is very respectfully submitted by Your Excellency's most obedient and very humble servant.

(Signed)

EDWARD BOWEN,

Actg. Atty. Genl. Lower-Canada.

Quebec, 31st October 1811.

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— QUEBEC, 3d July 1821.

SIR,

In obedience to the Commands of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, signified to us by your Letter of the 21st December last, we have considered the Claims made by the Huron Indians of Lorette to certain Lands in the Neighbourhood of Quebec; and after carefully examining a variety of Deeds and