

and also to investigate the actual existence and discovery of a silver mine at Owl's Head, in the Township of Potton. On these subjects, and in further obedience to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's commands, by your letters of the 29th and 30th of June last, the former relative to the ascertaining the encroachments made upon the ground reserves of Montreal, and to furnishing the Commissioners appointed for the improvement of the Port and Harbour of that City with a plan of the same; the latter giving me in command to report, as early as possible, on a petition presented on the part of a number of the inhabitants of Rawdon, complaining against the Agent of that Township.—

I have the honor to report in manner following :—

Viewed generally, and comprehensively.

Previous, however, to entering into the minute details which the nature and description of this service necessarily lead to, it may be expedient to premise, that, on perusing with great attention my instructions, and considering their utility and importance and the result anticipated therefrom, it occurred to me that I should take a wide, liberal, and comprehensive view of the various matters they embrace, by acquiring, as far as was practicable, a knowledge of the settlements generally in the various parts of the Province through which I had occasion to pass,