

The Board had hoped that by a real advance of the balance of the builder's claim of \$6,276, Her Majesty's Provincial Government would have afforded relief to its embarrassments, and would have accepted the transfer of lots on payment of the proceeds of their sale for re-imbursement. Such was the understanding which this Board had of the nature of the concession to be made, and the very text of the order in Council itself seems almost still to warrant that interpretation.

I have transmitted a duplicate of this letter to the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

DUNBAR BROWNE,

Secretary B. of A. and M. for L. C.

(Copy.)

MONTREAL, 8th December, 1866.

SIR,

The Hon. the President of the Executive Council instructs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, remonstrating against the terms of the order in Council of 6th November ultimo, and submitting the views of the Board of Arts with regard to the liabilities of the Board, and the measure of relief they desire should be afforded by the Government, and in reply I am to inform you that when the subject shall have been brought before the Government through the proper Department, he, the President, will give the matter his attentive consideration.

I am, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

W. A. HIMSWORTH,

Assistant Clerk, E. C.

DUNBAR BROWNE, Esq.,

Secretary B. of A. and M. for L. C.