

Its value for agricultural purposes, 10's. per acre, from which no income is derived at present. I would, therefore, recommend its sale to the Company at the above rate, as well as the lease to it of the ground reserved for a tower and battery, on the usual terms of military resumption; also with the condition, that no building of stone or brick be erected thereon, at 10 *l.* per annum.

I have, &c.

(signed) *W. R. Ord,*

Colonel Commanding Royal Engineer, Canada.

Lieutenant General

Sir J. F. Burgoyne, G. C. B.,

&c. &c. &c.

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(No. 66.)

War Department, Montreal,

27 January 1856.

Sir,

WITH reference to our letter of the 25th instant, No. 65, reporting the passage of the Ordnance Lands Transfer Bill, we have the honour to transmit herewith for approval and completion, the deed (in duplicate), which has been prepared by the acting solicitor of the Department at Toronto, in favour of Messrs. Gzowski & Co., for the portion of the Sarnia Reserve which is authorized by the Order of 14th September 1855 (S. 7656) to be granted to those parties for the purposes of the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

We also enclose the blank form of lease (in duplicate) heretofore in use in this command, with plan endorsed thereon, showing the portion of the same Reserve, which is retained for defence, and which is to be leased under the order quoted, for a term of 30 years, renewable to the same parties, subject to payment of an annual rental of 10*l.* currency, and to summary resumption, as well as restrictions against building with stone; and we beg to recommend that the document may be so amended as to meet the requirements of the new Act, and be then returned to us, after execution, for delivery to Messrs. Gyowski & Co., and record in this office.

We beg at the same time respectfully to suggest, with reference to the decision communicated in your letter of the 18th February last, 166-7, that no officer would hereafter be appointed for the execution of deeds and leases in Canada, that we may be favoured with instructions for our guidance, in regard to the course to be adopted, with respect to the issue of leases which are, from time to time ordered to be granted for lands or premises now vested in the Secretary of State for War.

We have, &c.

(signed) *William Bell,*

Colonel Commanding Royal Artillery.

*W. R. Ord,*

Colonel Commanding Royal Engineer.

H. R. Drewry, Esq.,

&c. &c. &c.

*W. H. Blenharne, D. O. S.*