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, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 8.

Sir:-

With reference to the letter from your Office of the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant relative to Mr. Henry J. Lefore's alleged claim to compensation for damages to Pierre Island or Island No 7 in the Ottonabi River consequent on the Trent Valley Navigation improvements, I beg to inform you that this Department has not confirmed the sale made by the Crown Lands Department of Ontario on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1880 of this Island to Mr. Lefore. The Crown Lands Dept. was last written to in the matter

J. Trudeau, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of  
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