

No. 20.

Despatch from the
Earl of Gosford to
Lord Glenelg,
11 May 1836.

(Enclosure 10, in No. 20.)

LETTER from Captain *Hayne* to *Stephen Walcott*, Esq., Civil Secretary.

Quebec, 6 February 1836.

Sir,

Enclosure 10.

IN obedience to the commands of the late Governor-in-chief, Lord Aylmer, conveyed by Mr. Secretary Craig's letter of 15th August 1835, I beg leave to state that my opportunities for examining the lands in the township of Orford, referred to in the said letter, have been very limited, in consequence of my engagements in other duties; such, however, as I have seen (viz. those in the seventh and eighth ranges), and can venture to report upon, are of very little value for agricultural purposes, the soil being shallow and stony, and the timber chiefly spruce.

Instructions have been given to Mr. Wyse, who is now employed on the verification of the survey of Orford, to be very particular in his observations on the soil and timber of the lands referred to in Colonel Craig's letter, and I feel satisfied that his report will contain all the information necessary to enable you to form a just estimation of the value of the lands.

I have, &c.

(signed) *R. Hayne*,
Captain H. P. Royal Staff Corps.

(Enclosure 11, in No. 20.)

LETTER from *S. Walcott*, Esq., to *W. B. Felton*, Esq.

Sir,

Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 3d May 1836.

Enclosure 11.

REFERRING to Mr. Secretary Spring Rice's despatch of the 29th of October 1834 (of which you have had communication), directing the late Governor-in-chief to call upon you for a surrender of all the lands that have been assigned to your children, above the authorized quantity of 200 acres; or should that be impossible, by reason of their nonage, a surrender of an equivalent portion of your own lands, and requesting his Excellency to acquaint you that the demand is one with which the Secretary of State expects your immediate compliance, I have been commanded by his Excellency the Earl of Gosford to inform you, that as the proceedings, which have already been had in this matter, do not appear likely to lead to the result contemplated by His Majesty's Government, the Attorney-general has been instructed to adopt forthwith such measures as in his opinion may be best calculated to give immediate and full effect to the determination of the Government, in the manner pointed out in the despatch to which I have above alluded.

I have, &c.

(signed) *S. Walcott*, Civil Secretary.

(Enclosure 12, in No. 20.)

LETTER from *S. Walcott*, Esq., to the Attorney-General.

Sir,

Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 3 May 1836.

Enclosure 12.

REFERRING to Mr. Secretary Spring Rice's despatch of the 29th of October 1834 (an extract from which accompanied my predecessor's letter of the 14th of January 1835), directing the late Governor to call upon the Honourable W. B. Felton for a surrender of all the lands that have been assigned to his children, above the authorized quantity of 200 acres; or should that be impossible, by reason of their nonage, a surrender of an equivalent portion of his own lands, and desiring him to be informed that the demand is one with which the Secretary of State expects an immediate compliance, I have been commanded by his Excellency the Governor-in-chief to request that, as the proceedings which have been already had in this matter do not appear likely to lead to the desired result, you will forthwith place yourself in communication with Mr. Felton on the subject, with a view to the adoption of such measures as may in your opinion be necessary for giving immediate and full effect to the determination of His Majesty's Government, as expressed in the despatch to which I have above alluded.

I have, &c.

(signed) *S. Walcott*, Civil Secretary.

(Enclosure