No. 1.

GOVERNOR GENERAL THE EARL OF DUFFERIN, K.P., K.C.B., to the RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF CARNARVON. (Received June 6, 1876).

My Lord, Government House, Ottawa, May 26, 1876.

I have the honour to enclose for your lordship's information a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary of State for Canada by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, submitting for my consideration an attested copy of a reserved Bill passed in the late session of the Legislature of that province, entitled "An Act to amend the Land Purchase Act of 1875," together with a memorandum by the Attorney General assigning reasons for passing the measure.

I have &c.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

DUFFERIN.

Enclosure 1. in No 1.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, Prince Edward Island, to the Secretary of State for Canada.

Province of Prince Edward Island, Government House,

Sir, May 12, 1876.

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the consideration and approval of His Excellency the Governor General, an Act passed in the late session of the Legislature of this Province, entitled "An Act to amend the Land Purchase Act of 1875," in triplicate, sealed and certified in the usual manner, and accompanying it, are the reasons, in duplicate, assigned by the Attorney General for its passing.

The Act amending the Land Purchase Act, 1875, was reserved by me for the signification of His Excellency's pleasure thereon.

I beg respectfully to call His Excellency's attention to the Attorney General's report, and to his reasons therein stated for the passing of the Act amending the Land Purchase Act, 1875, in which I concur, and which appear to me so pertinent and cogent, and I think so clearly show how necessary its provisions are to the effectual working of the Act alluded to, as to call for no particular observations on my part, beyond expressing my hope that it will receive His Excellency's favourable consideration.

The Land Commissioners Court, standing adjourned to the 1st day of July next, it is very desirable to know His Excellency's pleasure as regards the Act amending the Land Purchase Act previous to that period.

The Hon. the Secretary of State, Ottawa. I have &c.

(Signed) R. Hodgson, Lieut, Governor.

Enclosure 2. in No. 1.

Attorney General's Office, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island,

May 6, 1876.

Report of Attorney General setting forth reasons for the passing of the Act to amend "The Land Purchase Act, 1875."

This Act was passed by the Legislature of this Province last session for the purpose of removing doubts as to the meaning and construction of some of the provisions of "the Land Purchase Act, 1875," and to extend its powers.

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