

UPPER CANADA.

Sir J. Colborne to
Visct. Goderich.

your Lordship will permit a tract of land to the northward of Horton, on the Ottawa, and another, the township of Sunnidale, on the Nottawasaga, to be sold at 5 s. an acre to emigrants having sufficient means to cultivate land, and not requiring aid from Government.

I have appointed agents at Prescott and other ports, who will co-operate with the emigrant societies established in the province, and arrangements have been made for opening several roads, on which emigrants may be employed till they can find permanent work.

Mr. Buchanan, of Quebec, appears very apprehensive that the agent which I have been authorized by your Lordship to send to that place, on the part of Upper Canada, will interfere with his office and duties.

It may perhaps be expedient to comply with his wishes in this respect; but as an agent may be usefully employed at Montreal in giving directions to emigrants proceeding to Upper Canada, I shall direct the person who was intended to be stationed at Quebec to take up his residence at Montreal for this season.

— No. 7. —

Copy of a DESPATCH from Viscount *Goderich* to Sir *John Colborne*.

Sir,

Downing-street, 31 May 1832.

Visct. Goderich to
Sir J. Colborne.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 7th of April last, conveying to me the very gratifying information of the success of the arrangements which you made last year for the reception and disposal of emigrants, and requesting my authority to appropriate in like manner the sum of 5,000 l. during the present season, on the principles laid down in my despatch of the 31st of October last. As I have already conveyed to you authority to expend this sum, if it could be supplied from the territorial revenue without inconvenience, it is unnecessary for me to add more on the subject, as I have the fullest confidence that it will be applied in a manner which will equally promote the prosperity of the province and afford assistance to the emigrants.

I have to approve of your disposing of a tract of land to the northward of Horton, on the Ottawa, and also the township of Sunnidale, to emigrants having sufficient means to cultivate land, and not requiring aid from Government, at 5 s. an acre.

I entirely concur in opinion with you that an agent may be very usefully employed at Montreal in giving directions to emigrants proceeding to Upper Canada; but it will be proper that he should act in communication with Mr. Buchanan, at Québec, and follow any directions which he may receive from him.

I have, &c.,
(signed) *Goderich*.

— No. 8. —

Copy of a DESPATCH from Viscount *Goderich* to Sir *John Colborne*.

Sir,

Downing-street, 1 January 1833.

Visct. Goderich to
Sir J. Colborne.

THE consideration of the War Claims has once more attracted my attention to the principle of disposing of the public lands by sale. In my former communications on the adoption of this principle, I have treated it rather with reference to the necessity of it, in order to prevent the dispersion of the population, than with reference to the attendant advantage on the funds which it must produce. I treated it rather as a matter of policy than as a matter of revenue. The consideration of the war claims have led me to look at it more particularly in the latter light.

I am satisfied that, viewing the lands as a great financial resource, the sale of them at a high price is no less expedient than in reference to that other object of keeping the inhabitants of the colony within limits, and of preventing a forced determination of the people to the single class of landowners. When I speak thus of the financial effect of the sale of land, I do not merely mean that the sale must be more productive than the granting of it with reservation of rents, which have never yet in any place, or at any time, been successfully collected; this proposition