
. EXTRACT

From a Despatch of the Right Honorable Earl GREY, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, dated

DOWNING STREET, 3rd January, 1852, n^o 674.

“ My Lord,

“ I have had the honor to lay before the Queen the address transmitted in Your Lordship’s despatch, n^o 102, of the 26th August, from the Legislative Council of Canada, in parliament assembled, praying Her Majesty to cause to be laid before that house copies of certain correspondence on the subject of seigniorial tenure.

“ I am commanded by Her Majesty to transmit to Your Lordship, for the information of the Legislative Council, and in answer to the address from that body, the enclosed copies of correspondence respecting the seigniorial tenure, which has been obtained from the State Paper Office, together with a list of other documents, deposited in that office, relating to the same subject.

“ These papers comprise all the documents referred to in the address, which, after a careful search, can be found amongst the official records of the secretary of state.

(Copy.)

STATE PAPER OFFICE, 10th November, 1851.

Sir,

Agreeably to the direction of earl Grey, conveyed to me by your letter of the 4th instant, that I should cause the colonial department to be supplied with copies of the correspondence which took place, in or about the year 1766, between His Excellency Guy Carleton, governor of the Province of Quebec, and the earl of Shelburne, His Majesty’s principal secretary of state for the colonies, relative to the titles to lands

15th April, 1767. held *à titre de fief et seigneurie avec haute, moyenne et basse justice*,
30th October, 1767. granted in Canada by His Most Christian Majesty the King of
24th Decemb. 1767. France, and which, after the cession of Canada, passed under the
12th April, 1768. British Crown; I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the
6th July, 1781. correspondence, so far as I have been enabled to find it in this office.