

S LOWER CANADA:—CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING

(No. 3.)

Correspondence  
respecting  
Sir J. Caldwell.

Sir John Caldwell,

Portland, 29 December 1835.

UNDERSTANDING the seigniory of Lauzon in Lower Canada, belonging to you, is for sale, and knowing of a number of persons who would join me in the purchase, should they be convinced, after having made all the necessary inquiries respecting its value, it would be a bargain, I am willing to go to the expense of making the inquiry on condition you give me a bond of the property until the 10th of May next, my paying you at that time 200,000 dollars, 200,000 more in two years, and the remaining 200,000 in four years, making, in the whole, 600,000; the title to be satisfactory. Should you conclude to give me the refusal, as above requested, you will please to remit it as soon as convenient.

Yours respectfully,

(signed) *Stephen Cummings.*

(No. 4.)

Sir,

Tremont, Boston, 31 December 1835.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letter from Portland, 29 December, in which you ask for a bond of the seigniory of Lauzon on condition of paying 600,000 dollars for said seigniory; 200,000, as I understand it, on or before the 10th May, in Quebec; 200,000 in two years, and remaining 200,000 in four years. I beg, in reply, to observe that, from the peculiar situation in which I stand in respect of the Government of Lower Canada, I cannot make any such arrangement without their approval. I shall write immediately for the same, and on receiving it will give you instant communication thereof.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Dr. Cummings, Portland Maine.

(signed) *John Caldwell.*

(No. 5.)

Sir,

Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 16 January 1836.

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, transmitting a proposal from Dr. Stephen Cummings, of Portland Maine relative to the purchase of the seigniory of Lauzon, together with a copy of your answer thereto, I am directed to acquaint you in reply, that the Governor-in-chief having given to Dr. Cummings's proposal that consideration which its importance demands, and being desirous of affording you every advantage in his power, in the disposal of the property, consistent with the public interest, his Excellency will not object to give the necessary orders to confirm an arrangement with Dr. Cummings, subject to the following conditions:—That the amount of the debt which may be due by you to the Crown on the 10th day of May next shall be paid up in two instalments, one of 50,000*l.*, or 200,000 dollars, and the other to comprise the balance which may remain due after the payment of that sum.

The first instalment to be paid on the 10th of May next, and the second to be paid on or before the 10th of May 1838, and to bear interest from the 10th of May next, at six per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.

When the first instalment of 50,000*l.* shall have been paid, satisfaction will be entered upon the judgment to that extent, but the judgment will remain in force as to the balance of the debt due to the Crown, with interest as above, until the whole has been fully discharged. If the interest on the balance be not punctually paid the Government may seize and sell for the interest and balance.

Under and subject to these conditions a conveyance of the property may be made by you, and a *main levée* shall be granted until the 10th of May 1838, when, if the debt and interest, as above, be fully and regularly paid the judgment will be entirely vacated.

I have, &c.,

(signed) *S. Walcott.*

— No. 5. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord *Glenelg* to the Earl of *Gosford*.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 18 September 1836:

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your despatch of the 15th July, No. 79, detailing the steps which you have taken with reference to the seigniory of Lauzon,