

The Association asks to acquire this portion at the minimum price stated in the Act, of three shillings currency per acre, and prays that Your Excellency in Council will give the necessary instructions to Her Majesty's Surveyor General for the survey of this quantity, in some fitting locality to be agreed upon by that officer and myself.

In the letter to the Right Honorable the Earl Grey, the Association states its desire to render available the powers and facilities its organization affords for conducting the business of Emigration and Settlement in New Brunswick, and that through its agency it will be found practicable to locate upon tracts well suited for agricultural purposes, and not too remote from lands already reclaimed, considerable bodies of Emigrants coming from the same neighbourhood, and bringing with them the Ministers of Religion and other means and appliances of civilization, and to make at the same time effectual provision for the comfortable maintenance of the Settlers until they shall have reaped their first crop; and as the Association desire to embark in this useful enterprise as the Agents of the Government, and not as a matter of speculation, I have to solicit a favourable consideration of its request, that the expenses of survey and road making may be deducted from the purchase money of the land, and in the second place, that they may be required to pay for the land placed at their disposal only as they are able to sell and settle it, the land reverting to the Crown if not paid for within a limited period.

From the high character and standing of the Noblemen and Gentlemen who constitute the Board of Directors of the Association, there can be no doubt that they honorably intend to fulfil the objects they have stated, and the experiment they now propose to make, if successful, cannot fail to prove highly beneficial to this Province, and lead to its settlement on an extensive scale, in a manner which will be highly desirable.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

M. H. PERLEY, *Commissioner*.

His Excellency Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

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*Secretary's Office, Fredericton, August 26, 1847.*

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that your Communication relative to the proposed purchase of Crown Lands in this Province by the North American Colonial Association of Ireland, was duly laid before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the 19th of this instant month, and I am directed to inform you that the Executive Government cannot depart from the terms prescribed by the Act 3 Vic., cap. 82, but that 20,000 acres of Land may be granted to the Association under the conditions of that Act.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

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