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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
Ottawa, 17 June 1882

Dear Sir, "I am in receipt of yours of the 12th instmt  
making enquiries concerning St Johns Big Island in  
Lake St Francis and in reply to your questions therein  
I would state that there is due, on said Island  
up to the present date, amount of rent amounting  
to 217<sup>50</sup> as principal and 135<sup>45</sup> interest; in all  
352<sup>95</sup>

Rent has been accruing for 21 years and 9  
months at \$10.00 per year.

The last payment on account of rent was  
made in Sept. 1862 by whom I cannot say, but  
it was not paid in full to them.

The Department has not yet taken any steps  
to cancel the lease that I am aware of.

Some correspondence has passed between Donat  
Mr Macmaster Esq. M.P.P. of Montreal, the Department and  
myself in regard to the rent &c of this Island, and  
among other matters I was instructed to notify  
Mr Macmaster unless the rent was paid without  
delay the Island would be leased to some  
one else. The non payment of the rent for so long  
cancels the lease if the Department saw fit to do so.

Yours very truly,

John Durand,  
Ind. Agent.

John Maxwell Esq  
Barnstaple &c

L. Original,

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