



CANADA COMPANY.

LETTER, dated 9th January 1840, soliciting Appropriation of Sum due to the Crown to the Encouragement of Emigration to *Upper Canada*.

(*Mr. William S. O'Brien.*)

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CANADA COMPANY.

RETURN to an ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 14 May 1840;—for,

COPY of a LETTER, dated the 9th day of January 1840, from the Governor of the Canada Company to Lord *John Russell*, soliciting the Appropriation of the Sum which now remains due from the Canada Company to the Crown to the Encouragement of Emigration to *Upper Canada*, and the Answer made thereto on the 18th day of January.

Colonial Office, Downing-street, }  
20 May 1840.

R. VERNON SMITH.

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UPPER CANADA COMPANY.

(Copy.)

LETTER from *Charles Franks*, Esq. to Lord *John Russell*.

My Lord,

Office of the Canada Company,  
St. Helen's Place, 9 Jan. 1840.

THE situation of affairs in Canada for some time past, and the prospect of future emigration to that colony, occasion the necessity of my bringing under the consideration of your Lordship the engagement of the Canada Company with Government, and the hardship of their position. As Governor of the Company, I am instructed by the directors to submit the following observations:—

That engagement requires the Company to pay to Government, by half-yearly instalments, 348,680 *l.* for the Crown Reserves and 1,000,000 of acres of other waste lands belonging to the Crown.

This Company was established with the view of providing for and giving facilities to emigrants on arriving, and generally to advance the settlement and prosperity of the colony.

The directors can satisfactorily refer to the records of your Lordship's office for evidence from the local authorities of the fidelity with which the Canada Company have hitherto fulfilled their engagements, and of the advantages derived by the inhabitants from the proceedings of the Company. If further proof were required, I might confidently appeal to the loyal feeling displayed by the settlers on the Company's lands during the late attempted insurrection.

## CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING THE

	£.	s.	d.
The amount payable to Government under the engagement I have already stated to be	348,680	-	-
But of this amount there is to be expended in improvements, and the greater part, namely, 35,000 <i>l.</i> , has already been so expended, with the sanction and approval of the local Government	43,545	-	-
Receivable by Government	305,135	-	-
And of this sum there had been paid up to the 30 June last - £. 235,000			
To which is to be added the instalment due in December last, which will have been paid in Canada	10,000		
	245,000	-	-
Leaving now payable to Government - £.	60,135	-	-

Thus, my Lord, I have given a brief statement of the past and present situation of the Canada Company, with reference to their engagement with Government.

The state of affairs in Canada during the past two years has necessarily been greatly prejudicial to the interests of the Company; but the directors, hoping for an early change and renewal of encouragement for emigration to that colony, have been unwilling at an earlier period to urge upon Her Majesty's Government the peculiar hardship of the Company's situation with reference to the present state of the emigration to Canada; but, in justice to the colony and themselves, this step can no longer be delayed.

Your Lordship will perceive, that if emigration to Canada cease, one of the chief objects of the Company, namely, preparing for the reception of emigrants, must cease also. The engagement, however, to pay for lands continues, though if there be not emigration the Company will have little or no opportunity for selling or settling their lands. By the 30th clause of the first agreement with Lord Bathurst, it will be observed, that if the Company pay for lands without settling them, a heavy expense as settlement duty becomes payable, operating as a penalty upon the Company, besides the provincial tax on wild lands remaining in the Company's possession unsold, thus adding to the cost of unsaleable lands.

I have deemed it right to bring these facts prominently before your Lordship, before soliciting reference to the annexed statement, made up from the most authentic sources, showing the annual progress of emigration from this country to Canada, and also to the Eastern colonies, since 1829.

It will be observed that the emigration to Canada has almost ceased, while that to the Eastern colonies is rapidly increasing.

This change in the tide of emigration has probably, in some degree, been produced by the recent state of affairs in Canada; but it has been still more influenced and mainly promoted by the expenditure of the proceeds of the sale of Crown lands in the Eastern colonies, in payment of the expenses of emigrants proceeding to these colonies.

To this important subject I am requested by the directors of the Canada Company to solicit the attention of Her Majesty's Ministers.

Without claiming as an act of justice to the Province of Upper Canada, as well as to the Company, that the sum of 245,000 *l.* already paid by them to the Crown for the purchase of waste lands should be expended in promoting emigration to that Province, yet in regard to the sum of 60,000 *l.* above referred to as still due for lands purchased, or such a sum as has been paid by the Company for waste lands to the Crown since the principle has been adopted above referred to for

for the advantage of other colonies, I am requested to claim respectfully that a similar appropriation should be made in favour of emigration to Upper Canada; an act which appears to be due in justice to the inhabitants of that colony, and which would be highly appreciated by them, and would tend greatly to promote the best interests, both of this country and of the colony.

I am to add, that the directors will at all times be prepared, if desired, to afford their services in directing the expenditure of the money in the way best calculated to promote emigration with economy and advantage; although they are by no means desirous of undertaking the serious responsibility which must attend the performance of such a duty.

I have, &c.  
(signed) Charles Franks.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of Emigration to Quebec and Australia, to June 1839.

QUEBEC.	AUSTRALIA.
1829 - - - 15,945	
1830 - - - 28,000	
1831 - - - 50,254	
1832 - - - 51,746	
1833 - - - 21,752	
1834 - - - 30,935	
1835 - - - 12,527	
1836 - - - 27,728	From 1832 to 1837 :
1837 - - - 21,901	3,444
1838 - - - 3,266	14,021
To June 1839 - - - 2,390	To June, 6,261
	Estimated at 9,000

LETTER from R. Vernon Smith, Esq. to Charles Franks, Esq.

Sir,

Downing-street, 18 January 1840.

I AM directed by Lord John Russell to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, in which you submit to his Lordship various circumstances connected with the Upper Canada Land Company, which appear to the directors of the Company to justify the application which you have made on their behalf, that the balance of the purchase-money now due to the Crown should be expended in the promotion of emigration to the Province.

Lord John Russell desires me, in reply, to acquaint you that the sum which will accrue from the payments still to be made by the Company forms part of the land revenue of Upper Canada, which Her Majesty's Government have offered to place at the disposal of the local Legislature of that Province, in exchange for a civil list to be granted to the Crown. As that offer is now before the House of Assembly, it is impossible for Her Majesty's Government to entertain the proposal made by the Company.

I have, &c.  
(signed) R. Vernon Smith.

Charles Franks, Esq.  
Upper Canada Land Company.