



# ROYAL GAZETTE.

## [SUPPLEMENT.]

FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1842.

### FROM PAPERS ON EMIGRATION.

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Extracts of Despatches from Lieutenant Governor Sir William M. G. Colebrooke to Lord Stanley, dated

*Fredericton, N. B., 30th December, 1841.*

With my Despatch No. 55, dated the 28th August last, forwarding the Emigration Returns from this Province, I transmitted a compilation which I had caused to be prepared for the use of persons desiring to emigrate to this Province.

Since my Despatch No. 86, dated 15th instant, I am gratified in being able to state that the measures therein alluded to for the settlement of a number of distressed Mechanics and Labourers, who would otherwise have been compelled to emigrate to the United States, have been zealously promoted by several public spirited gentlemen; and as an example of the principles by which they are actuated, I transmit to your Lordship a copy of a Petition which was forwarded to me, with an explanatory letter from Mr. Wilmot, Queen's Counsel, and a Member of the Provincial Legislature.

The enclosed Minute of Council will explain the principle which I have adopted in the formation of the new Settlements, with the concurrence of the Privy Council, and on the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, by which the Bonds of the Settlers will be taken for the price of the Land, an arrangement which will obviate the immediate demand for payment, and the effective settlement of the land will be ensured by the means at any time of enforcing the Bond.

The spirit of these parties in undertaking the labours of a first settlement in the winter season, is highly creditable to them, and will afford an example to others of the advantages which the Province holds out to the enterprize of settlers from Europe.

The success of any measures for the settlement and improvement of the Country being dependent on the prosecution of useful Public Works, and especially on the construction of Roads and Bridges, I hope that this important object will be facilitated by the adoption of an improved system of finance, in the consideration of which subject I will not fail to advert to the judicious observations contained in your Lordship's Despatch No. 17, dated the 30th November last.

The commercial embarrassment occasioned by the check to the Timber trade, will be collaterally relieved by measures which will revive the credit of the Province, and promote the circulation of capital in the settlement of the Country; and the stimulus given to agricultural improvement by the exertions of the Emigrant Societies, cannot fail to insure the prosperity of the Province. The latest Report of the York County Agricultural Society is herewith enclosed; and I hope soon to be able to transmit a Supplement to the Hand Books for the use of Emigrants.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

(Enclosure.)—Copy of Letter from L. A. Wilmot, Esquire, to Sir William Colebrooke, dated

*Fredericton, N. B., 2d December, 1841*

In consequence of my interview with your Excellency of yesterday, I have convened a number of sober, able-bodied and industrious labourers in and about the Town, to ascertain their wants and whether they were disposed to settle upon Wilderness Lands, and I am happy to inform your Excellency that I have procured the names of 36, who, if a little encouragement be afforded them, as I shall take the liberty of suggesting in a subsequent part of this communication, will enter upon their work immediately with enthusiasm.

The great falling off of Lumbering operations, and the general scarcity of labor, arising from the present depression of trade, have thrown numbers of able-bodied industrious men out of employment, and I would respectfully submit, under favor, that such men, under such circumstances, when willing to help themselves, may be legitimately

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mately encouraged by the Government out of the ordinary course. The site selected for the settlement of these applicants is on the Road lately explored by Mr. Jouett on the eastern side of the Saint Andrews Road.

If it be incumbent on the Government to dispose of all lands under the Law as it now stands, by auction, of course the lots required must be subjected to this mode of sale, unless your Excellency could give the applicants a mere licence of occupation at present, leaving them an opportunity of availing themselves of any new enactment which may be passed at the next session of the Legislature for the encouragement of Emigrants and Settlers.

If such permissive occupation could not be effected, I would propose that lots of 100 acres each should be laid off and numbered, that they be advertised and bought in by the applicants, but they should not be required to make any immediate payment, but their Bonds to be taken on condition to pay the principal when they are able, and to pay the interest in each year.

But the main object now is to obtain the means of subsistence for the present winter; should the land be obtained for them, the men are anxious to go to work immediately; they can build their camps and chop down for the spring crop, and I have no doubt from the character of the men, that they will average from six to ten acres each by the first of May, so that from 200 to 300 acres would thus be immediately reclaimed from a waste howling wilderness, and rendered at once productive of abundant crops for the support of man.

But while the men are working during the present winter, they will require to be provided with food; and I have, after a full and careful consideration of the subject, concluded that the sum of £200 at least will be necessary to make such provision.

This sum will be advanced by the Government as a loan, to be repaid by work upon the road through the Settlement, at a fair remunerating price to be agreed upon.

I have suggested this course to the men, who will gladly bind themselves to repay every shilling in this way.

This work on the Road would of course be exclusive of the work alluded to by the applicants in their petition, and which I hope your Excellency will allow to be done immediately, as the rate is low, and the Road will be much wanted even during the present winter, should the present Settlement be formed. Nearly all the men have taken the temperance pledge, and they with one voice have determined to call their location the "Teetotal Settlement," and to utterly exclude all ardent spirits from their neighbourhood. This is highly gratifying, and while it makes me the more anxious to serve them, I am sure it will prove an additional recommendation to the favorable consideration of your Excellency and Council.

I sincerely hope your Excellency will be enabled to afford the wished-for assistance at an early day, so that the men may immediately commence operations.

I have, &c.

(Signed) L. A. WILMOT.

Extract of a Despatch from Sir William Colebrooke to Lord Stanley, dated

*Fredericton, N. B., 26th February.*

As the season approaches when Emigrants from the United Kingdom usually embark for the United States and the British Provinces, a consideration of the policy by which the Government has heretofore been actuated on the subject of Emigration, may be useful in the application of views by which the benefit of the Parent Country and the Colonies may be reciprocally promoted.

After the separation of the American States a check was for some time given to the settlement of the Northern Provinces which adhered to Great Britain.

The settlement of New Brunswick has progressively advanced  
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