

## PAPERS ON EMIGRATION.

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Fredericton, N. B. 30th December, 1842.

MY LORD,—As the season approaches when Emigrants usually make arrangements to come out to the Colonies, I consider it to be incumbent on me to apprise Your Lordship that no alteration has taken place in the circumstances of this Province which enable me to hold out that there will be any opening for the employment of those who are without funds, unless persons of capital should entertain views of settlement in the Province, who would be prepared to employ them.

Those who may possess the means of maintaining themselves in the wilderness while engaged in clearing and cultivating land for their support, would be able to settle with advantage on any of the lands which have been selected and laid out in locations, and they would have an opportunity either of settling apart, or of associating themselves with some of the numerous parties, who, from the decline of employment in St. John's and other Ports, are now forming settlements in the country under the regulations referred to in my Despatch No. 114 of December 12th.

I consider that the settlements afford a favorable opportunity for the investment of capital in the improvements that would raise the value of the lands adjacent, and that as the settlers would be glad to obtain employment on moderate terms near their locations, the settlement and improvement of the Province would be greatly accelerated by such undertakings.

If the Provincial Assembly should concur in my view of remitting a part of the purchase money of the lands in consideration of the opening of Roads and construction of Bridges, for which grants of public money have been hitherto made, great inducement would be held out to capitalists to settle in the Province, the varied resources of which would thus be developed.

I enclose a further Report to Your Lordship from Dr. Gesner the Provincial Geologist, and a letter informing me that he has recently discovered Coal near Gardner's Creek, opening into the Bay of Fundy, fifteen miles to the eastward of St. John's, and in the vicinity of the new settlements. I have, &c.

(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.  
Right Honorable Lord Stanley.

(Copy.)

St. John, 22d December, 1842.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a Report, and to state that myself and son have been engaged in exploring for Coal with the best hopes of success in the neighbourhood of Gardner's Creek, and Ten Mile Creek, eastward of St. John. The early arrival of a deep fall of snow has prevented us from completing the exploration which must be deferred until Spring. I have not therefore thought it necessary to make a report upon what has been done, as such a report would be imperfect. I have, &c.

(Signed) A. GESNER.  
A. READE, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

Extract of a Petition from Azor W. F. Betts, of the City of Saint John, Master Joiner, on behalf of himself and associates.

That your Petitioner is a native of the City of St. John, where, since the expiration of his apprenticeship, he has carried on the business of a Joiner somewhat extensively; that he is a married man, with a family, and possesses some means. That being out of employment, owing to the pressure in St. John, he is desirous of settling in the country without delay, that he may be prepared to support his family by the cultivation of the soil, before his means are expended in idleness. That several tradesmen and others, who are in a similar situation with your Petitioner, have associated themselves with him for the purpose of forming a Settlement. That having examined some wilderness land on the Pollet River, in the County of Westmorland, they find it of good quality, and are desirous of settling upon it as soon as the necessary survey and allotment can be made.

That the associates of your Petitioner, seventeen in number, are all at present residing in the City of St. John, and are described as follows:—

| No. | Trade.           | Single.   | Married.   | Children. |
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| 1   | Carpenter,       |           | married.   |           |
| 2   | Blacksmiths,     | single.   |            |           |
| 6   | Ship Carpenters, | 1 single. | 5 married. |           |
| 1   | Farmer,          | single.   |            |           |
| 3   | Caulkers,        | 1 single. | 2 married. |           |
| 1   | House Joiner,    |           | married.   |           |
| 1   | Blockmaker,      | single.   |            |           |
| 1   | Joiner,          |           | married.   |           |
| 1   | Watchmaker,      |           | married.   |           |

industry and nurseries of labour, derived from the freeholder tenure of the settlers, and the moral habits acquired from the attention given to religion and education. Thus a gentleman might invest a moderate capital in land where Settlements were forming, or he might undertake to establish them, advantageously to himself and to the settlers around him—by whom he would be regarded as a benefactor—the foundation of that influence and consideration which would be the legitimate reward of his services to the community. A moderate fixed charge per acre for Roads and Schools, not exceeding a penny an acre or a dollar for 50 acres, would operate as a premium in favor of improvement, and be only objected to by the land jobber who speculated on an improved value of land from the exertions of others and not his own.

That all the said persons (with one exception) are natives of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, possessing sufficient means of their own to form a Settlement, and are all persons of good character and standing. That several others, desirous of joining the Association, have been refused, as not possessing the requisite means, or being otherwise objectionable; but your Petitioner fully expects that others will join them, who do possess means and are unexceptionable.

Your Petitioner now prays, on behalf of himself and associates, that a tract of land on the east side of the Pollet River aforesaid, commencing near the outlet of the Pollet Lake, and extending down stream, may be surveyed into lots for settlement, on the established terms; and your Petitioner further prays, that the Order of Survey may be issued at once, as himself and associates are prepared to start on the instant to take up their respective locations and commence chopping, for which they are fully prepared and have ample means.

(Signed) A. W. J. BETTS.  
St. John, 19th August, 1842.

(Extract.)

Saint John, August 22, 1842.

With reference to the Petition of Azor W. T. Betts, presented on Friday last, praying for a tract of Land on the Pollet River, for immediate settlement by himself and seventeen others, I beg to represent to your Excellency that two other persons, namely, John G. Ray, Ship Carpenter, married, and family, and Thomas Brond, Plasterer, married, and family, have applied for leave to join Mr. Betts and associates; to which Mr. Betts, on behalf of the Petitioners, has consented, being satisfied as to their characters and sufficiency of means; I therefore pray that the names of John G. Ray and Thomas Brond may be added to the list in Mr. Betts's Petition.

I beg respectfully to suggest to your Excellency's consideration the propriety, on this occasion, of laying out a large body of land on the Pollet River and its vicinity, (provided it should be vacant and of good quality,) and of erecting the same into a Town Borough or Municipality, with Reserves for Churches, Schools, Public Buildings, and Common Lands for general use; such Reserves to be held by the Crown in trust for such Borough or Municipality, until it shall be incorporated by general or special enactment.\*

The persons who have now applied for Lands on the Pollet River, are natives of this country, active intelligent tradesmen, with means quite sufficient for forming a good settlement. They have entered into an agreement to assist each other this autumn in clearing the land and erecting houses; until fairly established they will be almost as one family; an excellent opportunity is therefore offered of establishing a Borough or Municipality, by laying out and designating the Settlement as such, and transacting all business with the Settlers as if they were a body having common interests, which would be strengthened and improved by their acting on all occasions in concert. A habit of acting thus together, and speaking with one voice, would be productive of many advantages, and lead to the establishment of a Corporation by legal authority, as a natural consequence, for which the Settlement would be in every way fully prepared.

If a tract of land should be laid out as proposed, it would attract to it many persons of equally good standing with the present applicants, possessing the same, or perhaps, more ample means. With a due degree of caution in the admission of associates, and some little arrangement as to the manner of conducting their general business, an association might be very soon formed, at the present time, which would serve as a model to the whole Colony. It would lead to other Settlements of the like stamp throughout the Province, and by degrees change the whole of the present imperfect mode of settling the wilderness, into a sound, healthy and effective system, which would relieve the country from the burthen of supporting new Settlements, to which it is now constantly subjected.

As such Settlements grew up into strength and opulence, a due proportion of the labouring classes might be admitted into them, who, by receiving occasional employment from their more wealthy neighbours, would soon establish themselves.

With a humble hope that these suggestions may obtain consideration, I have, &c.

(Signed) M. H. PERLEY.

Extract of a Petition of David Collins, of the City of Saint John, Saddler, on behalf of himself and associates.

That your Petitioner and associates, consisting of Mechanics and others residing at or in the vicinity of Saint John, are much in want of employment, owing to the depression in trade and business which at present exists. That having heard of the "Mechanics' Settlement" about to be formed on the Pollet River by Azor Betts and others, your Petitioner and one of his associates last week visited the Land under survey for the said Settlement, with the quality and situation of which they were satisfied.

That your Petitioner and his associates have resolved as the best means of providing for themselves and families, to turn their attention to the cultivation of the soil, and they desire to obtain land in the vicinity of the "Mechanics' Settlements," of which they wish to become a part.

\* These Settlers being respectable Citizens of Saint John, are naturally desirous of preserving their privileges.