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[Paper folded a number of times with a perforation from wax? seal.]

[Circular red stamp]

CITY OF TORONTO U.C. [around the diameter]

NO 2. [in centre of circle stamp]
1836

James West Esq

Com. Crown Maltilda
Lands Office
Eastern District

[at a right angle to the above]

Letter [6 in a red circle]
1836
(?) sales

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Office of Commissioner of Crown Lands

Nov 1st 1836

Sir

I yesterday received your two letters one dated Matilda 25th Oct Ult. The other on the 27th at Prescott. The former inclosing a draft on the Surveyor Genl for £265.15. 9. The other a receipt for a payment to my credit at the Commercial Bank of £160.

I have a great objection to receiving money from an agent without the return of sales, the only capacity in which you can remit money is as the agent of the parties who may choose to make you the channel of transmission. The first thing which ought to occupy your attention after a sale is the official return a delay in which produces inconvenience complication in the accounts and sometimes vexatious disputes between the department and the purchasers. The certificates of sale and the returns ought always to precede or accompany the payment of money, and it is only on the regular receipt of both that the official receipt can be forwarded and the departments become accountable.

I have therefore to request your attention to the above suggestion and that in any future remittance the specific accounts upon which it is made [~~"the"~~] shall be stated so as to enable one to carry it to the proper accounts at once, and send the receipt without delay

I would also take this opportunity of remarking to you as I have done to the other agents that if you receive money for the purpose of remittance to the office James West Esq.

its immediate remittance will be necessary and this should be made in the simplest manner, without being mixed up with any other business or account whatever.

Mr. [Thornhile?] informs me that your accounts against the department are yet unstated. There is an absolute necessity of their being closed without delay as the precarious state of Mr. Robinsons health would make it probable that I shall meet with difficulties in the adjournment of accounts relating to the time when he filled the office if they are not settled as soon as possible.

I am Sir
Your most obt Servant
R B Sullivan