Appendix, No. 15. (A.) with a Plan.

MY LORDS,

Office of Woods, &c. 14th April 1829.

7E beg leave to transmit to Your Lordships herewith Copy of a Letter we lately received from Mr. Green, No. 15. (A.) our Solicitor, inclosing two bills, which were sometime since transmitted to him by Mr. Miller, of Bed- Letter to Treasury ford Row, Solicitor, one amounting to £.43. 18. 4. in respect of business done in the investigation of a Claim, requesting payment which he had been advised to institute on behalf of the Crown, to certain lands at Rye; and the other for Miller, Solicitor, for £.27. 8. for his professional assistance in establishing the title of the Crown to a considerable tract of Derelict Business in relation to the developt and Land near Hastings, which has within these few years been taken possession of by a number of persons who have at Hastings. erected a great many Houses and other Buildings thereon, without any authority from Your Lordships, or from this Department, for so doing, or paying any rent to the Crown for the ground in acknowledgement of the Crown's title thereto.

The last-mentioned lands adjoin to the town of Hastings, under the Western Cliff, and occupy a space of nearly a quarter of a mile in length and 500 yards in width, which from its situation and appearance was, without doubt, formerly part of the sea shore, upon which the sea in its ordinary tides used to flow and reflow; the Cliff, immediately under which it is situated, bearing evident marks of having formed the ancient barrier against the sea, and of having been in former times overflowed by the daily and ordinary tides; but that by the accumulation of the shingles the sea has gradually receded, leaving the ground in question waste, and for very many years totally unproductive.

The great increase, however, which has taken place in the population of the town of Hastings, within these twenty years, having created a great demand for Building Ground in the neighbourhood of the town, the land was gradually encroached upon by the erection of Buildings thereon; some under leases, or with the permission of Lord Chichester, who claimed the whole of the ground as owner or lord of the rape or hundred of Hastings, under a Grant thereof in the reign of James the First; and others with the sanction of the Corporation of Hastings, who claimed that part of the land which lies within the liberty of the town, under a Grant made to the Corporation in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; and small rents or acknowledgments were paid to his Lordship and to the Corporation by several of the parties by whom the Buildings were erected.

Having, some years since, received information that by neither of these Grants was the ground in question conveyed either to Lord Chichester, or to the Corporation of Hastings, but that the whole would be found to belong to the Crown, we laid a case, in the year 1826, before the Law Officers for their opinion, as to the most eligible mode of proceeding for the establishment of the title of the Crown thereto; and under their advice an inquisition was taken at Battle, on the 6th of December 1827, when the ground in question, consisting of Two Parcels, one marked (A.) on the annexed Plan, containing 7 A. 1 R. 10 P., and the other marked (B.), containing 1 A. & 39 P., was found and declared to have been in former times covered with the sea, and to be Waste Land not within the bounds of any Manor or Manors, and unoccupied until within 60 years, within which period many Buildings have been erected thereon without any License, Lease, or Grant of any description from the Crown, and that therefore the inquest had caused the same to be seized into the hands of His Majesty.

We have not yet been able to bring the claim to the property at Rye to the same satisfactory termination; but as Mr. Miller's bills are certified to us by Mr. Green to be fair and reasonable, and further, that he afforded him great assistance in collecting evidence in support of His Majesty's title to the property at Hastings, and in making the necessary arrangements for holding the inquisition, we beg leave to recommend that we may be authorized to pay the same, amounting together to the sum of £.71. 6.4.

We are, my Lords,

Your Lordships' most obedient servants,

To the Right Hon, the Lords Commissioners of

His Majesty's Treasury.

LOWTHER. W. D. ADAMS.

Appendix, No. 15. (B.)

MY LORDS,

Office of Woods, &c. 31st December 1829.

No. 15. (B) Report from Commissioners of Woods, &c. to Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the Agreements for Leases entered into with the Telict Lands at Has. tings, County of Sussex, and requesting a Warrant for the same.

IN our Report to Your Lordships, dated the 14th of April last, on the application then made by Mr. Miller, of Bedford-row, Solicitor, for payment of his bill for his professional assistance in establishing the title of the Crown to a considerable tract of Derelict Land at Hastings, lying under the Western Cliff, near the lands called The Priory, on which a number of Houses had been erected by various persons without any authority for that purpose, we stated the particulars attending the discovery of the property in question, and the steps we had taken for establishing the title of the Crown thereto. Since that time we have caused an accurate survey to be made of nants of the Dere- the whole of the property, by Messrs. Driver, our Surveyors for that District, when we directed them not merely to certify the present state and value of the whole of the Houses and other Buildings erected on the land, and the names of the holders of them, but also to state the circumstances under which they came into their possession; whether as the original occupiers of the land, on which they afterwards erected Buildings; or as the purchasers of the Buildings from the parties who originally built them; and what sums they paid for the same; in order that we might judge what terms it would be equitable to grant them on their relinquishing entirely the Premises they respectively held; or on their taking Leases thereof for such periods as it might be judged advisable to grant of the property.

> When that survey was completed, we directed Mr. Driver to proceed to Hastings, and, with the assistance of Mr. Crawley, one of the partners of Mr. Green, our Solicitor, to endeavour to make agreements with the whole of the parties, and in particular with Messrs. Breeds, of Hastings, who held a very large proportion of the property, for Leases of the Premises respectively held by them, for the term of seven years from Christmas 1828, with instructions to inquire minutely into the circumstances attending each particular case, and to apportion the rent accordingly; it being specially stipulated, that at the end of the proposed term the parties should deliver up the whole of the Premises in good tenantable repair, without having any claim whatever for compensation for any Sums they might have previously laid out in the improvement of the property.

> Messrs. Crawley and Driver accordingly proceeded to Hastings in the month of April last; and after much negotiation with Messrs. Breeds and the other parties, agreements were finally entered into with the whole of them for Leases of the Premises they respectively held for the before-mentioned term of seven years; and we now beg leave to lay the following Statement before Your Lordships, in which we have given a brief description of the Premises, with the annual value thereof, and the Rents agreed to be paid by the respective Lessees for the same.

> These Rents, it will be seen, amount to nearly one half of the annual value of the Premises; and when it is considered that many of the parties erected Buildings under agreements with Lord Chichester or the Corporation of Hastings, who they believed were entitled to the ground in question, while others laid out large sums in the purchase of these Premises from the original holders, in the confidence that they had a title to dispose of them, we hope Your Lordships will agree with us in thinking, that in the arrangement we have made with them, the parties have been treated with a proper degree of lenity and liberality, while we shall have succeeded in acquiring, on behalf of the Crown, the undisputed possession, at the end of seven years, of a very valuable Estate, from which no profit or income whatever has hitherto been derived by the Crown.

Appendix, No. 15. (B.)—Report of Commissioners on Derelict Lands at Hastings—continued.

(all of Hastings,	DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES.	of the PREMISES.	RENTS agreed to be paid for the same.
except where otherwise described.)		TIDNIBIO.	the same.
		C .	
Thomas James Breeds, Merchant	- Rope Walk, Warehouses and Offices, and a number of small Houses and other Buildings; a particular description of which is annexed hereto, marked N° 1	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Chomas Breeds Merchant	Other Houses and Premises there; per ditto, N° 2.	183	100
Aark Boykett Breeds, Merchant	- Sawing House, with Saw Pit adjoining, Lime Kiln, Coal Warehouse, and several low stone Buildings; numbered 195 in the Survey of the property	60	50
itephen Milstead - Plumber	- Two Brick Houses, one Brick and Timber House, a weather-boarded House, a Slaughter House, and other small Buildings; Nos 125, 154, 155, 171 & 172, in ditto	75 16 -	35
Edward Smith Porter	Three Cottages, and other small Buildings, with Gardens - No. 94 to 98 inclusive, in ditto	10	35
William Austin Confection	Three Houses and Offices adjoining; No. 118 & 219 in ditto	70 8 -	20
Thomas Lusted Carpenter	Two Brick Cottages, with Yards and Sheds, and Brick Tenement adjoining Footpath No 114 in ditto	60	28
John Austin Carpenter	- Brick House, divided into five Tenements; No 139 in ditto		25
Francis Beard Labourer	- Three Brick Houses and small Yard; Nos 136 & 185 in ditto	49 8 -	23
Sarah Crisp Widow	- Cottage, Sheds and Offices, two Gardens and a Brick and Timber Building, with Chaise House and Stables; Nos 53, 54 & 164 in ditto	56	22
James Wellard Carpenter	- Two Brick Houses and Offices, erected 20 years since, and two newly-built Houses - No 120 & 131 in ditto		22
Samuel Hayward - Miller	Two new-built Cottages, with Timber Warehouse Nos 28, 29 & 30 in ditto	43 11 -	20
Richard Keen Servant	- Double Cottage and Brick-built House, divided into two Tenements - No. 12 & 126 in ditto	15 16 -	20
Joseph Naylor Gentlema	- Several Timber Cottages and small Buildings, and a Brick House divided into two Tenements; No 49 128, 140, 144 & 147 in ditte	1 44 4 -	20
Thomas Thwaites - Gentlema		33	20
Edmund Young Carpente	Two Brick Cottages divided into three Tenements called Cavendish House, with Offices; N° 115 in ditto	39	20
Joseph Bowmer - $-\left\{egin{array}{l} ext{Mast at} \\ ext{Block Mast} \end{array}\right.$	Large Brick-built Cottage and Shed, with a Timber Yard - Nos 51 & 60 in ditto	30	18
John Eaton and Ben- jamin Standon Carpente	100 20 107 111 4160		18
William Picknell, sen. Carpente	Three small Houses, with Stable and Yard; part of N° 117, and part of N° 184 in ditte	36 14 -	18
Samuel Chester Baker	- Timber Cottage in three Tenements - Nº 134 in ditte		17
James Hayes Servant	- Brick Dwelling-house and Yard, Brick and Timbe Tenement, School Room, Coach House and Stable Nos 178, 186, 190, 191 & 194 in ditte	55 0 -	17
John Tyhurst Brewer	- Brick and Quarter Cottage and Garden, and Brick and Timber House Nos 14 & 138 in ditte		16 10 -
Thomas Mann Fisherma	- Brick Cottage and Garden, and Brick Dwelling-house No 36 & 151 in ditte		16
John Gallop Shipwrig	Several small Tenements, with Yards and Piggeries No 31 & 40 in ditte	34	15
Mary Hammond Widow	Two Brick Houses, Blacksmith's Shop, Forge and Yard - No. 188 & 189 in ditte	32 10 -	15
$Joseph Naylor \left\{egin{array}{ll} Lodgin \\ Houseke \end{array} ight.$			15
Edward Picknell Carpente	Brick Cottage in two Tenements, Timber Cottage and Yard - Non 111 & 112 in ditte	26	14
William Merrix Labourer	Two Brick and Lath Cottages and Gardens; No 1; in ditte	28 12 -	14
James Lansdell, of Battle, Builde		30 4	- 14
Laban Colvin Baker	Two Brick and weather-boarded Houses, a Cottage and Yards - Nos 166 & 167 in ditt	32 10 -	14

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NAMES OF THE PERSONS		ANNUAL VALUE	RENTS
with whom Agreements for Leases have been made,	PROGRAMMON ON MAIN PREMICES	of the	agreed to be paid for
(all of Hastings,	DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES.	PREMISES.	the same.
except where otherwise described.)	0		
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Daniel Thomas Publican -	Two Timber Cottages and Tenement, with Yards, &c. N° 32, 15 & 168 in the Survey	27	13
William Hyland Carpenter -	Timber Cottage in four Tenements - Nº 110 in ditto	28 12 -	13
Moses Masters Shipwright -	Timber House and Cottage, Garden and Fore Court; \ N°2 6 & 160 in ditto	29 18 -	13
John Mannington - Shipowner -	Blacksmith's Forge, timber-built and tiled; N° 69 in ditto	20	13
William Wellard - Butcher -	Several brick-built and timber-built Stables, with a large inclosed Yard and Piggeries; N°s 100, 101 & 102 in ditto	35	12
Thomas Thorne Bricklayer -	A Brick House No 163 in ditto	20	12
George Strickland - Corn Factor	Two Brick and Plastered Houses, and inclosed Yards;	20 16 -	12
Thomas Page Rope Maker	N° 175 & 179 in ditto Brick House and small Fore Court, Brick and Timber		
Thomas Lage	Cottage, Wash-house and Garden; No. 10, 23 & 135 in ditto	1	12
James Hilder Miller	Two Houses and Garden Nos 16 & 17 in ditto	28 18 -	12
John Daly Servant -	Brick Dwelling and Cottage and Yard; Nos 35 & 183 in ditto	J	12
Mary Brazier Widow -	New brick-built House, with two other Buildings; Nº 19 in ditto		10
John Elphick Labourer -	105 in ditto)	10
George Hyland ditto -	Timber House in two Tenements and Yard; No 19 in ditto)	10
William Hall - {Servant to Lucas Shadwell, Esq.	Brick and Timber Cottage in two Tenements, and Fore Court - Nº 103 in ditto	ال	10
John Prior Brewer	Two brick-built Tenements and Wash-house; N°s 25: 149 & 150 in ditte	ני	10
William Longley - Tax Collecto			9
W ^m H ^y Honiss & Cabinet Makers Edw ^d Honiss			9
James Hyland Labourer	Brick Cottage, and Brick and Timber Cottage; N° 92 & 93 in ditte	o)	9
James Brazier Shoemaker			8
James Ball Wheelwrigh		1	0
Samuel Cutting Carpenter	in ditt	0)	8
George George Labourer	- Two Timber Stables, Shed and Yard; Nos 43, 45 8 46 in ditt	0)	8
Richard Lulham ditto	- New Brick and Timber House - No 137 in ditt		0
Joseph Lively Coachman	Brick and Timber House, with Stable and Yard N° 176 in ditt	0	8
William Piper Fisherman	- Brick House in two Tenements Nº 126 in ditt	18 4 -	8
Edward Paul Mariner	- Timber Dwelling and Yard Nº 169 in ditt	0 12	8
Samuel Surden Rope Make	Two Brick Cottages, Yard and Piggery; Nº 4 in ditt		8
John Swain Fisherman	- Brick and Timber Cottage in two Tenements; No in ditt	7 18 4 -	8
Thomas Thorpe Ostler -	Brick House and Yard - No 113 in ditt		8
Henry Thwaites Grocer	- Brick House and Yard Nº 187 in ditt	.0 15 12 -	7
Charles Baker Carpenter	No 190 in ditt	16	7
Edw ^d Bowmer { Block and Mast Make	er 1 mber ban de lage		6
Elizabeth Fowlers - Widow	- Brick and Timber House and Yard - Nº 170 in die		6
Thomas Ranger Shoemaker	in dit	toj	6
Edward Stevens, Livery Stable Keep	per Brick House and small Yard - No 159 in dit		6
William Vine Bricklayer	- Brick Cottage No 55 in dit	1	6
George West Carpenter	- Timber House and Yard - No 177 in dit		6
Thomas Waters Sawyer	- Timber Cottage, Yard and Shed - Nos 9 & 44 in dit		5
Thomas Squires Butcher	Double Timber Slaughter house and Piggery, anoth Slaughter house and Shed; Nos 173, 174 & 180 in die		5
Thomas Cobbey Mariner	- Cottage Nº 133 in di	1	5
The state of the s	- Cottage, tiled, and wooden Stable; Nos 382 & 141 in di	to 12	. 5

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NAMES OF THE PERSONS with whom Agreements for Leates have been made, (all of Hastings, except where otherwise described.)	DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES.	ANNUAL VALUE of the PREMISES.	RENTS agreed to be paid for the same.	
William Brazier, jun. Postman	Brick Cottage, tiled N° 30 in the Survey	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
of Shorenam)	Brick Cottage, tiled 1 199 in the carrey		,	
William Breach, John Breach and Mark Breach Fishermen -	Timber Building, used as Chaise-house and Stable, with Loft and Piggeries No 34 in ditto	. 12	4	
Thomas Golding - Mariner -	Brick House, Yard and Shed - Nº 121 in ditto	12	4	
Mary Ann Manser - Widow -	Brick-fronted Cottage No 38 in ditto	10	4	
William Picknell, jun. Carpenter -	Brick Dwelling Nº 184 in ditto	9 2 -	4	
James Robinson Labourer -	Brick and Stone Cottage - Nº 132 in ditto	10 8 -	4	
James Hutchings - Servant -	Brick Tenement Nº 59 in ditto	7 16 -	3 10 -	
Edward Avery Labourer -	Brick House, tiled No 130 in ditto	10 8 -	3 10 -	
Elizabeth Bassett - Widow -	Brick House and Garden Nº 158 in ditto	5	3	
Dennis Coopper Fisherman -	Timber-built Cottage, tiled, and small Yard; N° 62 in ditto	10	3	
Mary Murdock, Widow -	Brick Cottage No 2 in ditto	8	3	
Henry Thatcher, of Battle, Gent	Cottage and Yard Nº 8 in ditto	7 10 -	3	
Ann Wattey Widow -	Brick House Nº 142 in ditto	6 10 -	2 10 -	
Ann Wood Widow -	Timber Shop, and Shed and Yard; Nos 52 & 58 in ditto	3	2 10 -	
John Dean May Shipwright -	Timber Cottage Nº 116 in ditto	5 4 -	2 10 -	
Daniel Bumstead - Servant -	Stone-built Tenement, tiled - N° 21 in ditto	10	2 10 -	
Peter Day Grocer -	Timber Tenement, tiled, and Timber Shop; Nos 22 & 148 in ditto	6 16 -	2	
James Mann Fisherman -	Brick House Nº 141 in ditto	6 10 -	2	
John Smith Builder -	Brick-built Mason's Shop and Yard - N* 161 in ditto	10	2	
William Squires Butcher -	Yard and Slaughter-house Nº 193 in ditto	3	2	
Henry Weller Baker	Bake-house and Yard No 115 in ditto	3	2	
John Freeman, of Ashby, Co Kent -	Brick-built House Nº 143 in ditto	2 12 -	1 10 -*	
John Fowler Labourer -	Inclosed Yard No 181 in ditto	1	1	
James Howell Gardener -	Timber Cottage on Wheels, canvass roof; No 152 in ditto	4	1	
Lesy Osborne Labourer -	Timber Stable and Yard Nº 192 in ditto	1	1	
	TOTAL Annual Value of the Premises - £.	3,072 1 -		
	RENT agreed to be paid for the same for the Seven Years, from Christmas last -	Term of } - £.	1,408	

Having given Your Lordships this detailed Statement of the arrangement we have made for the disposal of this large Estate, we beg leave to recommend that we may be authorized, by Your Lordships' warrant, to grant Leases to such of the before-mentioned parties as may choose to call for them, and their executors, administrators and assigns, of the respective premises held by them for a term of seven years, to be computed from Christmas 1828, on payment of the different sums before stated, amounting in all to £.1,408; the same to be paid free and clear from all taxes and charges whatever; in addition to which we have stipulated, that if Leases shall be called for by any of the parties (which hitherto has been done by only three of them, Mr. Thomas James Breeds, Mr. Thomas Breeds and Mr. Mark Boykett Breeds), that the whole expense attending the preparing and passing of them shall be borne by the parties, without any deduction being made from the respective rents agreed to be paid by them on account thereof.

We beg leave further to submit, as only three of the parties (Messrs. Breeds), have desired to have Leases granted of the premises held by them; and as it is doubtful whether the other parties will not be satisfied with holding under the agreements for Leases before referred to; that the warrant, though applying to the whole of the property, should be charged with merely the fees for the three Leases agreed for; it being understood that if any other Leases shall be called for, the parties shall pay the same fees as if special warrants were issued for each of their Leases.

We are, my Lords,

Your Lordships' most obedient servants,

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

LOWTHER.
W. D. ADAMS.

Appendix, No. 15. (B.)—Report of Commissioners on Derelict Lands at Hastings'—continued.

No. 1.—A PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION of PREMISES referred to in the aforegoing Report.

LESSEE.	DESCRIPTION.	occupier.	Annual Value of the Premises.	REMARKS.	Net Annual Rents agreed upon for a term of Seven Years, to commence from 25 Dec. 1828.
Tho ^s Ja ^s Breeds	Rope Warehouse, two Lofts over, and Rope Walk A Brick Tar-house, and Timber Leanto	Timself	£. s, d.		£. s. d.
	Eight timber-built Tenements and one brick-built, all tiled; with Piggeries behind most, and Forecourts to all	Samuel Sinden, John Prior, Mrs. Bridger, John Roper, Ed- ward Bridger Mrs. Morphee, Mary Aylesbury, Thomas Brisenden and John Kent	{	These five were built about 12 years since - These four were built since the above -	, and the second
	An old Hulk, now in two tenements, called Polymina			This old Brig was brought here 22 years since, and was then the first house on the property (except Mrs. Brazier's house on the Mount,) and both the present tenants lived in the Brig when it was	
	A brick and tiled Building, used as a Wheelwright's Shop, and Lofts over A Timber Yard - House, Mason's Shop and Yard, timber-built and tiled A Coal Yard, inclosed with brick wall A lofty timber-built Shed, tiled front, inclosed with open gates, and used for stowage of deals, &c. A very spacious Yard - A Block and Mast Shop, timber-built, and boarded roof A Brick Coke Oven with conveniences, with paved floor; a Brick Building, slated A small Tenement, formerly an old Boat, or part thereof Two eight-stall Stables, and one ditto, without Stalls; Lofts over all A large open Shed, and one adjoining; all timber-built and tiled Open Shed, with Sawpits and an inclosed Coach-house; the upper part is a floor used as a Carpenter's Shop	In hand	6go	tirst brought	300
Brick-built, 9 feet high, All Brick, Ed boarded ubove, and tiled: and tiled:	Roadway, Stable-yard and Dung Pit Three Stables and seven Stalls, eight Coach-houses, and Lofts over the whole Two Stables and four Stalls; one Coach-house; no Loft Loft over; two Coach-houses and two Box Stables Five Stables and twenty Stalls, one single Stall, and two Standings for Carriages behind; and a Dwelling with four rooms, at the end; and six sets of Rooms for Servants over all the Stables, with separate flight of steps	Edward Stevens - Ditto -		These built about five ears	
Boarded Front, and tiled:	Four single Coach houses, and one large roomy one; Ostlery and Privy, with Loft over the whole			«	

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No. 2.—A PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION of PREMISES referred to in the aforegoing Report.

LESSEE.	DESCRIPTION.	occupier.	Annual Value of the Premises.	REMARKS, .	Net Annual Rents agreed upon for a term of Seven Years, to commence from 25 Dec. 1828.
Thomas Breeds -	Ground Floor, used as a Carpenter's Shop	William Standing -	£. s. d.		
	Over the above is a Sail-loft, all timber-built, and tiled	In hand	The Firm pay		
	Dwelling-house and Wash-house -	William Beeney -	20		
	Spacious Yard, used for Stowage of stone, coals, timber, &c	In hand	The Firm pay		
	A Timber Shed, hoarded roof; a large lofty Shed, in two divisions	Ditto	The Firm pay		
	A small Dwelling-house, with two rooms below, and three above; occupied by William Collins, at 4s. per week An Open Shed, with Carpenter's Shop over; and large Yard, with Sawpit A Countinghouse, two Stables for two horses each, and Open Shed A Counting-house	James Lansdell -	20 (This tenant is son-in- law to Mr. Breeds, and his agreement was to remove the Building whenever desired, and therefore this is a ground rent only	100
	A Stonemason's Workshop, Loft over, and Yard behind	William Kennall -	20		
	A Coach Manufactory, consisting of large Front Shop, Workshop behind, and a Forge; with working Loft over the whole	James Rock	52		
	Two Plasterer's Shops on Ground- floor, and one Floor over}	Thomas Thorn -	15		
	A Piece of Ground inclosed	Edward Smith -	10		