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On a Report dated 17th June 1890. from the Minister of the Interior stating that there are a number of Squatters occupying various portions of the Naval Reserve at Point Pelee in the Township of Merica, in the County of Essex, who represent in most cases that they and their fathers before them have occupied their several holdings continuously for a period of upwards of sixty (60) years, and who claim that they have a right to special consideration on account of their long and undisturbed possession, and
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the improvements made by them
on the lands occupied.

The Minister further states
that the Reserve was transferred
by the Imperial Authorities to
Canada subject to the claims
of the squatters, and on the
special condition that they
should be protected, and the
Admiralty has given formal
consent to the issuing of patents
to them for their several holdings
in fee simple.

That a survey of the lands in
question has been made, and
it is proposed to grant Letters
Patent to the several squatters
for the portions of the Reserve they
respectively occupy on their

paying

paying each his proper share
of the cost of survey, but before
any definite action can be
taken, the claims of the several
parties require to be thoroughly
investigated, for which purpose
it will be necessary that a
person be duly authorized to
examine the claimants and
to take evidence on oath.

The Minister recommends
that Mr. William Mills, the
Officer in charge of the Ordnance
and Admiralty Lands, be
authorized to visit Point
Pelee for the purpose of investi-
gating the claims of the
several squatters at that place
and that for that purpose he be
authorized

authorized to summon before
him any person, by subpoena
issued by him, examine such
person under oath, and to
compel the production of
papers and writings before him
in accordance with the provisions
in that behalf of "The Dominion
Lands Act" 49 Vic. Cap. 54, Sec. 96.

The Minister further states
that in making the survey
of these holdings, a strip of
land along the water front
has been reserved in the
interests of navigation, and
the site of the Light house has
been retained for the public
use of Canada.

The Committee submit
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The above recommendation
for Home Excellency approval.

Wm. D. Kemp

Approved July 5/90

Stanley of Preston