

Thompson  
Mary 4 July 14. 1855

My Dear Sir William

I duly received yours of the 23 ult. I have delayed answering it until I could put the matter in such a position as would enable me to state what the Government would determine.

I have finally arranged with them after some negotiation that they would place the case before a Committee by the House & Mr. Fulding told me he had no doubt they would authorize the Government to give you back the land. The members of the Government are anxious to satisfy you but are fearful of making a precedent that would enable others

to

to reacquire their lands after considerable  
expense has been incurred in erecting  
them. I am assured by them that had  
they known you were the owner & that  
your representations had been placed before  
them anterior to the proceedings nothing  
would have been done -

I feel assured that I shall be  
able in a few weeks to inform you that  
the lands are your own again

With best regards to Lady

Barrow

I am

Yours very truly

Jesse Thomson