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MR. J. W. GRAVES.

Report of the Select Committee upon his Claim to Compensation for
Improvements on Satellite Island.

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REPORT of the Select Committee upon Mr. JOHN WOODCOCK GRAVES's Claim to Compensation for his Improvements on SATELLITE ISLAND.

WITNESSES EXAMINED.

1. *Mr. JOHN WOODCOCK GRAVES.*
 2. *Mr. ARCHIBALD MANING.*
 3. *Mr. J. L. LIVINGSTONE.*
 4. *Mr. CARMICHAEL.*
 5. *Mr. GRATTIDGE, Owner of the Island.*
 6. *Mr. BOOTHMAN, Deputy-Commissioner of Crown Lands.*
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R E P O R T.

YOUR Committee have examined Mr. John Woodcock Graves as to the claim which he prefers to Compensation for improvements effected by him on Satellite Island.

They have also examined the Deputy-Commissioner of Crown Lands—who states that Satellite Island was originally leased to Prim and Graves from 1st August, 1846, who transferred to Robert Robertson, who transferred to Joseph Graves. After the expiration of the first 5 years from the original letting the rent was raised to £11 5s. 6d., which was paid by the said Joseph Graves up to 31st July, 1857. On the 25th September, 1857, it was put up for sale by auction as Lot 597, 76 acres, upset price £228, and was purchased by F. H. Grattidge for £740. Mr. Boothman also states that under the Regulations of 1843 no lessee was entitled to compensation for his improvements.

Your Committee have also had before them Letters from Joseph Graves to the Surveyor-General in 1852 and 1857, with the Memoranda of two Surveyor-Generals thereon refusing to recognize his claim to compensation for improvements, on the ground that the Island was let to him for Grazing purposes only at a very reduced rental.

Under these circumstances, your Committee have arrived at a decision to report to your Honorable House that in their opinion Mr. John Woodcock Graves has failed to substantiate the claim which he has preferred.

CHARLES MEREDITH, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 3rd September, 1868.