

Manufacturing Company;" that they have prepared an amendment to the same, which they submit to the consideration of the House. They have also examined "A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Harmonic Society;" also "A Bill to incorporate the Saint Andrews Rural Cemetery Company;" which they recommend to the adoption of the House without amendment.

Respectfully submitted.

*Committee Room, February 28, 1857.*

A. E. BOTSFORD, *Chairman.*

ORDERED, That the House be put into Committee of the whole on Monday next to take the said Bills, together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon, into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. M'Adam, with a Bill to incorporate the Middle Bridge Company at Saint Stephen; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty ninth Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the said Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Chandler, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor lays before the Legislative Council, copies of two Despatches from the Secretary of State, conveying to His Excellency authority from Her Majesty's Government to place at the disposal of the Assembly the Surplus Civil List Fund, after the payment of certain prior obligations specified in these Despatches.

J. H. T. M-S.

*Government House, February 28th, 1857.*

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*Downing Street, August 15, 1856.*

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence which has taken place at different times between this Department and the Government of New Brunswick, respecting the accumulated Surplus of the Civil List Fund, and the rights of the Crown in relation to it, I think that the time has now arrived for an explicit statement of the views of Her Majesty's Government on the whole subject.

2. Earl Grey's Despatch, addressed to Sir Edmund Head on November 25th, 1850, fully explains what those views were at the date of his writing. It was thought very essential for the welfare of the Province, that a reform should take place in its financial institutions, by the introduction of the principle of confining the initiation of money votes to the Executive; a principle well understood and in full operation in this Country and in almost all its more important Dependencies. And it was considered that the Crown ought not to abandon its controul over the Fund in question, unless satisfied that this principle was in course of adoption.

3. For my own part, I will not conceal my regret that the hopes entertained by Lord Grey have been hitherto disappointed. I hold, in common, I believe, with all those practically acquainted with