CANADA.

## RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 18 April 1872;-for,

- "COPIES of CORRESPONDENCE between Lord Elgin and Sir John Pakington. dated the 2nd day of August 1852 :
- " Of EXTRACTS from a REPORT of the Executive Council of Canada, dated the 31st day of July 1852:
- "And of another EXTRACT from a REPORT of the same, dated the 31st day of July 1852."

Colonial Office, 7 May 1872.

E. H. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN.

## (No. 66.)

Sir.

The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine to the Right Honourable Sir J. S. Pakington, Bart.

> Government House, Quebec. 2 August 1852.

In reply to your Despatch, No. 31,\* of the 26th of May, I have the honour to enclose, herewith, the copy of a Minute of the Executive Council, stating the  $31 J_{uly}$ . grounds on which it is recommended by this Government that the Acts therein referred to should be left to their operation in the usual manner by an Order of the Queen in Council.

> I have, &c. (signed) Elgin and Kincardine.

The Right Honourable Sir J. S. Pakington, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

## (No. 1.)

EXTRACT from a REPORT of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by his Excellency the Governor General in Council, 31st July 1852.

On the Despatch from the Right Honourable Sir John Pakington, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to his Excellency the Governor General, instructing his Excellency to report his opinion whether, since Her Majesty's Government have decided that it is impossible, under existing circumstances, to apply to the Imperial Parliament for the desired assistance to aid the construction of a marine trunk line of railway in Canada, it would be proper that the Railroad Acts passed in the Session of 1851

No. 31. 26 May 1852.

. \* Vide Command Paper, 14th June 1852, page 19.

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