

FRIDAY, 3rd November, 1854.

PRESENT :

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Odell,
Mr. Wark,

Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Minchin,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Surveyor General,
Mr. Gordon.

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Harding, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments sent down from this House to the Bill to authorize that part of the City of Saint John called Carleton to obtain Water from Spruce and other Lakes, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City to issue Scrip to defray the expenses of so doing.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Steves, 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 :—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

*Message to the Legislative Council,
2nd November, 1854.*

J. HENRY T. MANNERS SUTTON.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor lays before the Legislative Council copies of Documents connected with the Reciprocity Treaty between Her Majesty's Government and the United States of America.

J. H. T. M.S.

Circular Letter from the Secretary of the United States Treasury to the Collectors of Customs.

Circular.—(Copy)

Treasury Department, Washington, October 16, 1854.

SIR,—In consideration of the privilege now enjoyed by Citizens of the United States, as well as of the probable exemption from duty, at an early day, of fish of all kinds, the products of fish and all other creatures living in the water, and in pursuance of the stipulations of the Reciprocity Treaty of the 5th of June last, entered into between the United States and Great Britain, upon due compliance with the requirements of said Treaty respectively, by the Imperial Parliament and the Provincial Colonies affected by the Treaty aforesaid ; and in order to facilitate certain arrangements and understandings dependent upon the action of Congress, had between the Secretary of State of the United States and the British Minister Mr. Crampton, it becomes necessary to issue the following instructions, to wit :—

First.—On entry at your Port for consumption of the fish of the description mentioned, and due payment of the duties thereon, you will give the owners, importers, or agent, a proper receipt therefor, with the Custom House seal attached, specifying the name and nation of the vessel, the date of her entry, the place from whence arriving, with the quantity and description of the fish.

Second.—Should the parties desire to warehouse under bonds, you will permit the same to be done in accordance with the existing provisions of the law on the subject, taking care to give such particulars of the law on the transaction in the bond as to show the true object of the obligation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. G. WASHINGTON,
(Acting Secretary of the Treasury.)

H. J. Redfield, Esquire, Collector, &c. &c. &c.