

1839, acknowledging the receipt of the Reports from the Gentlemen charged with the superintendence of the Aboriginal Inhabitants of New Brunswick.

"J. H."

The document communicated by the foregoing Message, was then read at the Clerk's Table, and is as follows:—

"Downing Street, 27th July, 1839.

"SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 14th May, No. 38, enclosing Reports from the Gentlemen charged with the superintendence of the Aboriginal Inhabitants of New Brunswick, in answer to the inquiries contained in my predecessor's Despatch of the 22d August, 1838.

"I have read the Reports and your Despatch with considerable interest. It gives me great satisfaction to know that the Legislature of New Brunswick are anxious to adopt any measures calculated to promote the welfare of these hapless people; and that with that view, they have, during the last Session, granted a Salary for the Missionary recently appointed to instruct the principal Tribe. I am also gratified to learn that the improved morality and temperance introduced of late years amongst these people, has led to an increase of their numbers.

"Your local knowledge, and that of the Legislature, will enable you to judge so much more correctly than myself, of the measures most conducive to the well being of the Indians, that, I do not venture to give you any instructions on the subject. But I wish to commend these people to your careful superintendence, and I would beg you to consider attentively the suggestions of the Commissioners, that the Indian Reserves, or a part of them, should be sold for their benefit. A similar measure has been adopted with advantage in other Colonies; and recommended as it is by the unanimous opinion of the Commissioners, it would, I think, be productive of benefit in New Brunswick.

"In regard to their settlement on the Land, and the introduction among them of the arts and habits of civilized life, no immediate or rapid progress can probably be expected. But it is an object which should be constantly kept in view, as the only means of permanently improving their condition, and rescuing them from the sufferings to which a vagrant and precarious mode of life necessarily subjects them. That there is no inherent inaptitude in the Indian for the cultivation of the soil, has been proved by the settlement of some of the Lower Canada Tribes; and I do not therefore despair of the introduction of a similar system into New Brunswick. I should wish you to bring the subject under the consideration of your Executive Council, and to consult also any other persons whose knowledge of the Indian character may entitle their opinions to weight, and if the result should convince you that any measure could be successfully adopted, you would have the goodness to report it to me, in order that I might consider whether it should be recommended to the Provincial Legislature.

"I have, &c.

(Signed)

"NORMANBY."

Major General Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B. &c.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Mr. Miller, Master in Chancery, informed the House that the Council had agreed to

The Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Debentures, to raise Money for the purpose of being loaned for the rebuilding a part of the District of the City of Saint John, burnt in the month of August in this present year,

Without making any amendment thereto.

And that the Legislative Council had also agreed to

The Bill to authorize the use of part of the building erected for a Market House in the City of Saint John for other purposes than as a Market,

With an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment made by the Council to

The Bill to authorize the use of the building erected for a Market House in the City of Saint John, for other purposes than as a Market.

The amendment being read, is as follows:—

At A. in the first Section expunge the words "and declared."

And upon the question being put thereon,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Woodward return the Bill, with the amendment, to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Mr. Miller, Master in Chancery, informed the House that the Council had agreed to

The Bill for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of Saint John,

With amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the House.