

COPY of the ADDRESS to Her Majesty, adopted by the House of Assembly of *Prince Edward's Island* on the 9th day of May 1859, praying for the appointment of a COMMISSION to inquire into the existing Relations of LANDLORD and TENANT in that Colony:—And, COPY or EXTRACTS of the subsequent CORRESPONDENCE of the Secretary of State for the Colonies with the Governor of *Prince Edward's Island* and Landowners and others of that Colony, relating to the same subject.

Despatches from the Governor.

— No. 1. —

(No. 29.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Lieutenant Governor Sir *D. Daly* to the Right Hon. Sir *E. B. Lytton*, Bart.

Government House, Prince Edward Island,
13 May 1859.

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Lieut.-Governor
Sir D. Daly to Sir
E. B. Lytton, Bart.
13 May 1859.

Sir,

(Answered, No. 11, 6 September 1859, page 50.)

I HAVE the honour of transmitting to you herewith, an Address to Her Majesty, passed by the Legislative Assembly of this Island in their present Session, on the subject of the "Land Tenures," and the fishery reserves, for the purpose of being laid at the foot of the Throne.

2. In an Address to myself, which I have also the honour of transmitting to you, the Assembly request my favourable recommendation of their proposition, with which request I beg very respectfully to comply, for although not very sanguine as to the efficiency of the remedy prayed for, I consider the proceeding of the Assembly in the present instance to be a move in the right direction.

3. It has also the singular advantage of having been adopted all but unanimously by the Assembly, the only dissentient voice being that of the "notorious escheator, Mr. Cooper."

4. Much might be said as to the prospect of complete success which this proceeding is imagined by some persons to present, but if it should meet the approval of Her Majesty's Government, it will I trust at all events have the effect of suspending the mischievous agitation of the subjects in question, and will give to all the parties interested further time for the consideration of other means for the solution of the difficulties which have so long impeded the advancement of this Colony.

I have, &c.
(signed) *D. Daly*,
Lieut. Governor.

Enclosure 1, in No. 1.

To the QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in Parliament assembled, beg to approach Your Majesty, and most humbly submit for Your Royal consideration the following premises:—

"In certain Despatches from one of Your Majesty's Ministers, the Right Honourable Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, Baronet, Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated Downing-street, 20th October and 3d December 1858, the Right Honourable Baronet therein states that the whole question of the land tenures in this Island is engaging his most anxious attention, and that it would give him unfeigned pleasure to receive such suggestions for their amicable settlement as could be accepted by Your Majesty's Government.

"Having taken these Despatches into consideration, after mature deliberation, and with an earnest design to terminate the disputes which have so long disturbed the peace and harmony of the Colony, the House have adopted the following resolutions:—

"Whereas certain questions arising out of the original grants of the lands in this Island, severally called the Escheat question, the Fishery Reserve question, and the Quit-rent question, have for many years caused much discussion and difference of opinion