

Imperial Government and abandon the idea of further agitation for repeal. If he follows this out by advising the representatives of Nova Scotia in the Dominion Parliament no longer to hold themselves aloof but to seek for as much influence in both the Government & Parliament of the Dominion as they can obtain by the acceptance of office or otherwise, we may be thought best for Nova Scotian interests, all will be well.

My colleagues and myself think Mr. Howe's assistance in the good

work of so much consequence, that I at first thought of writing him a letter to meet him on his arrival asking for his aid and cooperation, either in the Ministry or out of it, and of offering him the disposal of the various positions that I wrote you about, viz. - a seat in the Cabinet - a Railway Commissioner - a vacant Senatorship - the Chief of the Militia Staff in Nova Scotia and a sufficient representation on the Law Commission. But I have since