

PRINCE EDWARD
ISLAND.

a law for the regulation of these reserves; that your Petitioners and the Legislative Council entertain views so different, as to the intent of the reservation and the meaning of the despatches, as to have been unable to agree on some principal sections of the Bill which passed the House of Assembly, *though repented communications, by means of amendments*, have been held betwixt the two bodies, during the three previous sessions; and that there seems no prospect of the Legislative Council ever agreeing to such a Bill as your Petitioners must pass, to do justice to their constituents; and under these circumstances, your Petitioners are under the necessity of praying your Honourable House to take such measures for their relief in this matter, also, as in your wisdom you may deem meet.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

(signed) *William Cooper,*
Speaker.

House of Assembly, April 12th, 1842.

(A true copy.)

William Cullen, Clerk.

Enclosure 2, in No. 10.

Council Chamber, 16 April 1842.

Encl. 2, in No. 10.

WHEREAS in a Petition from the House of Assembly of this island, adopted in this present session, and which is to be presented to the House of Commons of Great Britain, it is stated, that this House entertains different views as to the intent and meaning of certain reservations in the original grants of land to the grantees of the Crown, which reservations concern fishery reserves, and likewise different views as to the intent and meaning of certain despatches received from The Queen's ministers on the subject of fishery reserves; and in the said Petition, the Legislative Council are further represented as having been unable to agree with the House of Assembly in some principal sections of the Bills respecting fishery reserves which passed the House of Assembly, though "repeated conferences and communications have been held between the bodies during the three previous sessions:"

Resolved, That after a search of the Journals of both Houses for the years 1839, 1840 and 1841, it appears to this House, that no conference has been at any time held or asked for between the two Houses on the subject of fishery reserves. Therefore, that the allegations of the said Petition, as they respect the proceedings of this House, are entirely without foundation.

And whereas, in the sessions of 1839, 1840 and 1841, as well as in the present, Bills respecting fishery reserves have been sent to this House for its concurrence, from the House of Assembly, containing several provisions in themselves deemed by this House to be inequitable: And whereas the amendments made by this House have been repeatedly rejected by the House of Assembly, and the Bills which have been sent to this House for its concurrence have reiterated the same provisions upon each occasion: Resolved, That this House, consistently with its duty, has been hitherto unable to legislate on this subject, although they fully recognize, and are prepared to protect, the rights of fishermen to exercise their trade on the fishery reserves of this island.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor.

(signed) *K. W. Desbrisay,* D. C. C.

— No. 11. —

(No. 27.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord *Stanley* to Lieutenant-governor Sir
Henry Vere Huntley.

Sir,

Downing-street, 14 July 1842.

No. 11.
Despatch from
Lord Stanley to
Lieut.-governor
Sir H. V. Huntley,
14 July 1842.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your despatches, Nos. 33 and 34, of the 22d of May 1842, enclosing an Address and Petition to The Queen from the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, and a Petition to the House of Commons from the House of Assembly, and also enclosing certain Resolutions on the subject of the state of the colony adopted by the House of Assembly. These documents relate to the two questions of the rights of the grantees of Crown land, and to the fishery reserves in Prince Edward Island.

I have laid the Address and the Petition before The Queen. The Petition to House of Commons has been presented to that House.

In obedience to Her Majesty's commands, I have to acquaint you, for the information of the House of Assembly, that Her Majesty's Executive Government must decline to interfere any further in the question in debate between the grantees
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