

The Honorable Mr. Saunders, by leave, presented a Petition from Calvin L. Hatheway, praying remuneration for services rendered the British Government in the settlement of the Boundary Line question between Great Britain and the United States of America, in the years 1836, 1837, and 1838.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented a Petition from John S. Out-house, praying an allowance for teaching a School in Portland in the year 1845.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 1st February, 1848.

PRESENT :

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Johnston,*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the President acquainted the House, that by a Mandamus under the Royal Sign Manual, dated the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty six, the Honorable Charles Simonds was appointed a Member of this House, and desired to be admitted.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Wyer and Minchin be appointed a Committee to attend the Honorable Mr. Simonds, and see him qualified.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, lays before the House—

A Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies relating to Crown Lands that may be required for the purpose of Railways through this Province.

Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey to Sir William Colebrooke, dated
[No. 24.] *Downing Street, 24th October, 1846.*

SIR,—I have received your Despatch, No. 92, of the 29th September, &c. &c. I think it right to state that I approve of your suggestion not to sanction the alienation of any of the Crown Lands in New Brunswick which may be required for the purpose of the Railway, or which are likely to be raised in value in consequence of the Rail Road passing through them. You will therefore give directions to the Officers of the Crown Land Department to avoid disposing of any such Lands at present, except with a distinct reservation of the power of the Crown to resume any portion of them which may be required for the Railway. It will also be desirable that purchasers should be compelled, in the event of the Railway passing within five miles, at their option either to surrender the Land sold to them, receiving payment for improvements, or to pay an additional price for it, according to arbitration.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

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