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CORRESPONDENCE

RESPECTING THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF STEAM COMMUNICATION

BETWEEN

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND AND THE MAINLAND OF CANADA.

No. 1.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE, G.C.M.G., to
COL. THE RIGHT HON. F. A. STANLEY, M.P. (Received December 1, 1885.)

Government House, Ottawa.

November 19, 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward to you herewith a copy of an approved report of a Committee of the Privy Council, transmitting a despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, with joint addresses of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of that Province to Her Majesty the Queen, praying Her Majesty's intervention on behalf of the province in order to obtain from the Government of the Dominion a fulfilment of its engagement made at the time when the province entered into federation: "to maintain efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers between the Island and the mainland, summer and winter.

Colonel the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P.,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) LANSDOWNE.

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To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, humbly approach Your Majesty and represent that:

1. Prince Edward Island entered the Confederation of the Dominion of Canada upon 1st July 1873, on certain terms and conditions set forth in the Order of Your Majesty in Council, dated 26th June 1873, and of which terms the following is one:—"The Dominion Government shall assume and defray all the charges for the following service, viz., efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers to be established and maintained between the Island and the mainland of the Dominion, winter and summer, thus placing the Island in continuous communication with the Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of the Dominion.

2. During no winter season since the time of the said union has the service provided by the Dominion Government been efficient, or the communication with the mainland continuous.

3. The Dominion Government having shown no sufficient disposition to fulfil their obligation towards the Island in this matter, we are reluctantly compelled to approach Your Majesty as one of the parties to the articles of confederation, and pray Your