

addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, by the Canadian Delegates, and laid before Parliament by His Excellency the Governor General in His gracious Message communicated on the thirty first day of May last, and recommends that the future negotiations should be conducted as nearly as may be on the basis thereby submitted.

7. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that His Excellency the Governor General should cause all communications with the other Provinces necessary for common action on the subject, to be entered into.

8. *Resolved*, That an Address be presented to Her Majesty, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, and that the Honorable the Legislative Council be requested to concur in the said Address.

(N. B.—The remaining enclosures in the preceding Despatch are documents, copies of which have already been communicated to the House of Assembly.)

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*Government House, Fredericton, N. B., September 17, 1858.*

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Despatch of 10th instant, and of the copy, therein enclosed, of a Minute of the Executive Council of Canada approved by your Excellency, relating to the Inter-Colonial Railroad to connect Canada with the lower Provinces.

I also have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of printed copies of the Resolutions adopted by both Houses of Parliament in Canada on this subject, together with the copies of certain papers laid before the Canadian Legislature relating to the same matter.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General, Toronto.

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*Government House, Fredericton, N. B., September 27, 1858.*

SIR,—With reference to the subject matter of your Excellency's Despatch of the 10th instant, I have the honor to inform your Excellency that I have, upon the recommendation of my Council, directed Mr. Fisher, (a Member of the Executive Council, and Attorney General of the Province,) and Mr. Smith, (also a Member of the Executive Council,) to proceed immediately to England, to represent the interests of this Province in the proposed discussion respecting the construction of an Inter-Colonial Railway.

A copy of the Memorandum of my Council on this subject, of which I have approved, is enclosed for your Excellency's information.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General, Toronto.

(Enclosure.)

Memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee.

*To His Excellency the Honorable J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lieutenant Governor, &c. &c. &c.*

The Committee of Council having had under consideration your Excellency's Memorandum of 17th instant, and the accompanying Despatch from His Excellency the Governor General, dated 10th September, relative to the construction of an Inter-Colonial Railway, would respectfully express to your Excellency their continued interest in the proposed undertaking.

In a Memorandum submitted to your Excellency on 10th August 1857, we presented the reasons which induced us to urge upon Her Majesty's Government the necessity which existed for such a highway.

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