

The question of granting pecuniary assistance is of course one for the exclusive consideration of the Assembly.

But I regard the grant of exclusive privileges to a Telegraph Company as highly objectionable in principle, nor has it been made at all clear to me, if it is even distinctly alleged, that to refuse such a grant would have the effect of frustrating the establishment of telegraphic intercourse in the colonies. I do not disregard the circumstance that exclusive privileges of this description have been granted by the Legislatures of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island (with regard to Nova Scotia I have no official information), and this without the disapproval of Her Majesty's Government. I regret that sufficient forethought was not, in my opinion, used when measures so open to question were allowed to pass without objection. But I cannot regard the course then followed as a precedent binding on myself, when the very questionable nature of the legislation sought for is fully brought to my knowledge.

I feel therefore bound to express to you the strong objections that I entertain to a law giving exclusive privileges to any Telegraph Company, and if such a law should be passed by the Assembly and Legislative Council of New Brunswick, I have to instruct you to require the insertion in any such Bill of a suspending clause.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut.-Governor J. H. T. Manners Sutton,
&c. &c. &c.

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EXTRACT of DESPATCH from Lieut.-Governor Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT to the Right Hon. H. LABOUCHERE, M.P., dated "Government House, Halifax, N.S., 22d October 1857."

(Received 2d November 1857.)

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(Answered, No. 4, 18th January 1858, page 33.)

"I HAVE the honour to transmit for the information of Her Majesty's Government, six copies of the Acts passed in the last session of the Legislature, two of which are certified under the Great Seal of the Province, together with the Report of the Attorney General."

Enclosure 1.

Enclosure 2.

Enclosure 1, in No. 22.

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(No. 3,473.)

CHAPTER 11.

AN ACT to encourage the establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.—[Passed the 1st day of May, A.D. 1857.]

Section.

1. No parties except the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company permitted to touch the province with a telegraph cable; period, restrictions, &c. Provisoos.
2. Government to have preference in point of time as regards messages.—Public News, &c. to be promulgated.
3. New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company may construct lines in the province with the concurrence of the Nova Scotia Telegraph Company.
4. Agreement to be entered into within a year.
5. When to take effect.
6. Agreement required to give effect to the privileges of this Act.
7. Secs. 9, 18, 20, and 24 of Act to incorporate Nova Scotia Telegraph Company repealed.

WHEREAS the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, incorporated by the legislature of Newfoundland, have associated themselves with a joint stock company, formed in England under the title of the Atlantic Telegraph Company Limited, for the purpose