

The Committee had next to complete their arrangements with the Grand Trunk Company, and for this purpose had an interview with W. Shanly, Esq., the General Manager, who at once promptly, courteously, and in the most liberal manner met their views; placing a special train at their disposal, and agreeing to take all *bona fide* Volunteers to Portland and back for \$4 a piece, the Committee guaranteeing not less than 150. The general public were to be taken at \$6, and the trip for them was extended to a week. H. Bailey, Esq., the Assistant Manager, subsequently and most kindly lent his valuable aid in carrying out the necessary details for the comfort and convenience of the excursionists.

The Lt. Colonel, on whom devolved this duty, then took steps to communicate their intentions with respect to the proposed visit, to the Governors of the States of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, the two former having to be passed through *en route* for the latter. For this purpose, and to obtain the information required, he waited upon W. B. S. Moor, Esq., United States Consul General for British North America, and was by him most courteously assisted, not only with the information needed, but he also undertook to forward his communications to the proper quarters, and to obtain from the Collector of Customs at Burlington a permit to pass the frontier custom-house at Island Pond without detention or delay. In due course, the following courteous replies were received to his communications, from all those functionaries:—

STATE OF MAINE,

Executive Department,

Augusta, 5th Aug., 1858.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3rd instant, in which you express the 'intention of a portion of the Montreal Volunteer Militia, under your command, to make an excursion as far as Portland,' and request the necessary permission to enter the State for that purpose.

I am gratified to learn this your friendly purpose of an excursion to our principal sea-port town, and it affords me pleasure to second your