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NEWFOUND-
LAND.

I am happy to learn, on the authority of the councillors themselves, that Sir T. Cochrane was mistaken in supposing that they had claimed a right to elect their president, and that the title of speaker had been bestowed upon him, as indicating that his authority was derived from that source.

I see, however, no reason why the terms which have been in use for the last two centuries in other British colonies, of which the constitution is founded on Royal commissions, precisely similar to that granted to Sir Thomas Cochrane and yourself, should be abandoned in Newfoundland, nor why the president should be designated by any other title, or the Council described by the adjunct of "Legislative." In all your communications with them you will adhere to the ancient formulary.

The correspondence on this subject has now reached a stage beyond which I do not think it could be advantageously pursued.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Glenelg.*

No. 9.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor *Prescott* to Lord *Glenelg*.

Government House, Newfoundland,
18 August 1835.

My Lord,

In your Lordship's despatch No. 8, dated 30th of June, it is assumed that the number fixed by the Legislative Council as their quorum is four, but it was intended by their 49th Rule that their speaker with four other members should form a quorum, which would of course be a majority of the whole.

When the Council is again assembled in its legislative capacity, I shall transmit them a copy of your Lordship's letter, as being the best mode of setting the question at rest; but unless otherwise directed, I shall alter the passage relating to that part of the subject as follows, "Until the Rule for the quorum established by the King shall be altered by His Majesty's authority, it must be considered as binding, and as in full force."

I have, &c.
(signed) *H. Prescott.*

No. 10.

(No. 61.)

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor *Prescott* to Lord *Glenelg*.

Government House, St. John's, Newfoundland,
22 November 1837.

My Lord,

Appendix, No. 1
to 7.

* Registered 2,153.

I HAVE the honour to enclose an Address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Council, with some documents appended thereto.

This Address* gives a complete history of the dispute which has prevented any Appropriation Act being passed for this year.

No. 8, p. 116.
Nos. 9, 10, 11,
p. 119 to 134.

The passage relating to discrepancies between the estimate for certain items and the sums voted by the House of Assembly will be best explained by the comparative statement which I have annexed; and that your Lordship may be in full possession of particulars, I also enclose copies of messages and addresses between the House and myself, which led to a vote being made of 2,000*l.* "to liquidate outstanding claims, and to defray prospective deficiencies;" but this sum would still have been inadequate.

I do not concur in the observations of the Council respecting the Road Bill, inasmuch as the large sum voted is not necessarily to be expended within the financial