

Mr. Weldon, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ichabod Lewis, and others, presented to the House yesterday, having had the same under their consideration, submitted a Report thereon, which he read, and handed the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

“The Committee appointed to examine into the matters contained in the Petition of Ichabod Lewis, and others, inhabitants of the Parish of Moncton, in the County of Westmorland, praying aid to assist certain persons in indigent circumstances, Report:—

“That they have attended to that duty, and that from the examination of James Robertson, a person deputed by the said inhabitants, your Committee find that what is termed the Irish Town Settlement, and the Shediack Road Settlement, so called, containing about sixty families, are in a very destitute condition, some of them having been obliged to boil wild brakes and milk only for a subsistence; that the Road Monies had not yet been expended, except on the Great Roads; and your Committee are informed, that had not the recent changes of Supervisors in that District taken place, this application, it is not probable, would be made, it having been the practice of the former Supervisor to afford accommodation by making some advances; in the present year, the Supervisor being at a long distance from their Roads, and a stranger to the people in that quarter, does not feel justified in advancing.

“Under these circumstances, your Committee recommend relief to be extended to the said inhabitants, by presenting an humble Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue a warrant upon the Treasury for £120 in favor of Commissioners to be appointed to expend the same, and that the House make provision for the same at the next Session of the Legislature; such sum so to be granted to be considered in appropriating the Road Money for that County at the next Session.

“J. W. WELDON,  
I. WOODWARD,  
L. A. WILMOT.

“Committee Room, 10th July, 1837.”

*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Honorable Mr. Frederick P. Robinson, a member of the Executive Council, delivered the following Message:—

“J. HARVEY.

“THE Lieutenant Governor sends down to the House of Assembly copies of two Despatches from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, under date the 4th and 13th May, 1837, which he trusts will be found to contain the information sought by their Address to him of yesterday.

“J. H.

“Government House, July 11, 1837.”

The Despatches being severally read at the Clerk's Table, are as follow:—

“DOWNING STREET, 4th May, 1837.

“SIR,

“I HAVE received Sir Archibald Campbell's Despatch, dated 10th March last, No. 15, enclosing various documents from the Commissioner of Crown Lands of New Brunswick. I have not read them without great regret. It is very painful to learn that an Officer who has served the public so long, and with such frequent testimonies of the approbation of his employers, should have incurred so severe a censure from a select Committee of the House of General Assembly of the Province. It is my earnest hope that your mediation will be successfully employed to replace Mr. Baillie in the more favourable and indulgent judgment of the Representatives of the People.

“If any thing had been wanting to convince me of the sound policy of placing the receipt and expenditure of the Crown Land Department under the superintendence of the Assembly, I should have found such additional evidence in these documents. They demonstrate the impossibility of effectually avoiding jealousy and misunderstanding respecting so important a branch of the public service when conducted by the Executive Government, without any interference or controul on the part of the Provincial Legislature. Retaining an unshaken reliance in Mr. Baillie's zeal, talents and fidelity, I yet cannot be surprised that the Assembly, or that a select Committee of that House should have reviewed his official conduct with some disfavour. His office is perhaps inferior in importance

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