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FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE

RELATIVE TO THE

PROJECTED RAILWAY FROM HALIFAX TO QUEBEC.

CANADA.

(No. 64.)

MY LORD,

SIR,

No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Toronto,

May 8, 1851.

(Received May 26, 1851.)

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch No. 569*, of the 14th March, I have the honour to enclose the copy of a communication which I have addressed to the Lieutenant-Governors' of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and of a Minute of Council accompanying the same.

(Signed)

I have, &c.,

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

To {Sir John Harvey. Sir E. Head.

Enclosure 1 in No 1.

COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Hon, the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE Sir John Harvey. Sir E. Head. to

Government House, Toronto, May 1, 1851.

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith the copy of a Minute of the Executive Council of this province, which has reference to a Despatch from Earl Grey to me, the number and date of which is given in the margin, on the subject of the proposed railway between Halifax and Quebec, the copy of which has, I understand, been furnished by his Lordship to your Excellency. Earl Grey has suggested that deputations from the Executive Councils of the two lower provinces should proceed to the seat of Government in Canada, in order to confer with me and my Council on the proposition which he has submitted; and if you should see fit, after communicating with {Sir E. Head, } Sir J. Harvey,} to act on this suggestion, I shall be glad to hear from you

at what time I may expect the deputation from your Council to reach Toronto.

I have, &c.,

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE. (Signed)

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

COPY of MINUTE of COUNCIL, dated 24th April, 1851.

On the Despatch of Earl Grey to your Excellency, dated 14th March last, No. 569, stating that Her Majesty's Government are prepared, on certain conditions, to recommend to Parliament that imperial credit should be employed to enable the provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia to raise, upon advantageous terms, the funds necessary for the construction of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, the Committee of Council are respectfully of opinion that the suggestion of Earl Grey, that "a deputation from the Executive Councils of the two lower provinces should proceed to the seat of Government in Canada, in order to confer

* Page 21 of Papers referring to the Halifax and Quebec Railway, presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command, April 8, 1951.

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