

Government, to whom any proposal of this kind, which the Company may think requisite, had better be made by telegram without loss of time.

I am to add that the presence of Sir Stafford Northcote at Ottawa, appears to afford peculiar facilities for this course of proceedings.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. T. HOLLAND.

Sir Curtis Lampson, Baronet, &c., &c., &c.,

Sir C. Lampson to Mr. Holland.

HUDSON'S BAY HOUSE, LONDON, May 20th, 1870.

SIR,—I am favored with your letter of the 17th instant, in answer to mine of the 13th, and very much regret that Lord Granville should not have seen the necessity of giving the Hudson's Bay Company the indemnity they asked for.

It is too late now to communicate with the Government of Canada on the subject. No satisfactory result could be arrived at by telegram, besides which Sir Stafford Northcote has now left Canada, and will sail from New York by the steamer of the 25th.

Under these circumstances the Committee of this Company have come to the determination, at all events, of not running the risk of the Indian, and other population of the Districts, being left without the means of subsistence, and they will, therefore, despatch the Stores as usual, but in adopting this step the Committee adhere to their opinion that the Government ought to have undertaken the responsibility; and should any damage or loss occur by the proceedings of the Provisional Government, they will still look to Her Majesty's Government for the indemnity, should the Canadian Government decline to take it upon themselves.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

C. M. LAMPSON,
Deputy Governor.

H. T. Holland, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, to Sir Curtis Lampson.

(Copy.)

DOWNING STREET, 26th May 1870.

SIR,—With reference to that part of your letter of the 20th instant, respecting the despatch of stores to Fort Garry, in which it is stated that should any damage or loss occur by the proceedings of the Provisional Government, the Company would still look to Her Majesty's Government for indemnity, should the Canadian Government decline to take it upon themselves, I am directed by Earl Granville to repeat that Her Majesty's Government do not accept that liability.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,)

F. ROGERS.

Sir Curtis Lampson, Baronet, &c., &c., &c.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 31st May, 1870.

On the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Finance, the Committee advise that a Warrant issue in favor of Mr. Joseph Monkman, for the sum of five hundred