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EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-governor Sir *Henry Vere Huntley* to Lord *Stanley*, dated Government House, Prince Edward Island, 18 March 1842.

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Extract Despatch from Lieut.-gov. Sir H. V. Huntley to Lord Stanley, 18 March 1842.

I HAVE the honour to transmit the enclosed, being a joint Address from the two Houses of Legislature here, to Her Majesty the Queen, upon the subject of the admission of corn grown in the colony, duty free, into the ports of Great Britain.

I feel it my duty to forward to your Lordship the report issued this year by the "Central Agricultural Society" of this island; it stands in opposition to the inference to be justly drawn from the expression in the Address respecting a "sufficient market."

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To The QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and Assembly of the island Prince Edward, in Colonial Parliament assembled, beg to approach Your throne with the humble request, that You will cause to be taken into consideration the situation of this island in relation to its agriculture.

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Dependent, in common with our fellow subjects in this colony, exclusively on the cultivation of the soil for our maintenance, without a sufficient market for our surplus produce, we can never hope to attain at any thing like prosperity; and we feel, that whilst we import British manufactures to a large amount, that, if the ports of Great Britain were open to the importation of our corn, unrestricted by any duties, that our condition would be so much ameliorated, that the unemployed population of the mother country would find their way to this and the neighbouring colonies, in numbers affording relief to the agricultural and other districts of Great Britain of a value quite commensurate with any loss that by possibility might be sustained by the competition in the home markets of corn the produce of these colonies; and thus a reciprocal advantage might be derived to both Great Britain and this colony.

Relying on Your Majesty's known solicitude for all parts of Your empire, we beg to lay this our prayer at the foot of Your august throne, on the granting of which our prosperity so much depends.

And we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

Council Chamber, 18 February 1842.

John Brecken, President.

House of Assembly, 18 February 1842.

Wm Cooper, Speaker.

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CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S REPORT, Charlotte-town, 5th January 1842.

The Annual General Meeting of the CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY was held at the Wellington Hotel, on Wednesday Evening last, the 5th instant, at Six o'clock; the Honourable *John S. Macdonald*, President of the Society, in the Chair.

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THE Secretary stated, that he had been directed by the committee to lay before the meeting the following report of their proceedings during the past year, which, on motion, was then read.

REPORT.

During the fifteen years this society has been labouring to awaken earnest attention on the part of the colonial farmer to his formerly almost entirely neglected but all-important calling—the cultivation of the earth—various and great, although little noticed, has been the progress of agricultural knowledge, and consequent augmentation of the productions of the soil. But yet, how far are we from the manhood of knowledge—very far from the maximum returns our very fertile and admirably adapted soil may be made capable of producing, to reward the cultivator of information, experience and enlarged industry.

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