

ingly be placed upon the roster of garrison duty, and they will be attached, the former to Captain Wright's Company, Royal Artillery, and the latter to the Royal Newfoundland Companies, until further orders.

By command,
(signed) *Hugh B. Chambers,*
Lieutenant R. N. Companies, Acting A. D. C.

Dear Sir,

Alderman's Walk, 1 July 1846.

I AM honoured by the receipt of your letter of yesterday, in which you express a wish to be informed of an outline of the proposal the gentlemen connected with Newfoundland wish to submit to the Government for the relief of the sufferers by the destructive fire at St. John's.

I have accordingly consulted with such gentlemen as I could see this morning, and am instructed to intimate to you that it appears to them expedient to submit the following proposals for the consideration of Government:—

1st.—To authorize the Governor of Newfoundland to advance a liberal grant of money towards rebuilding the town, and providing employment and assistance to the necessitous poor.

2dly.—To despatch a steamer or fast sailing vessel direct to St. John's, with such bedding, clothes, stores, &c. as can be spared.

3dly.—To send immediate orders to the Governors of Halifax and the neighbouring provinces, to render such assistance as they may respectively be enabled to do.

In making these suggestions, I beg leave to state that it is of the utmost importance that no unnecessary delay take place in the determination of the Government, as, without immediate and efficient aid, the near approach of winter will greatly aggravate the sufferings and distress of the people, and it is therefore hoped that instructions will be forwarded by the packet of Friday next.

I have, &c.

The Right hon. W. E. Gladstone,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *G. R. Robinson.*

TREASURY MINUTE, dated 3 July 1846, on the preceding Papers.

ACQUAINT Mr. Stephen, for the information of Mr. Secretary Gladstone, that My Lords concur in the authority he proposes to convey to the Governor of Newfoundland in regard to the application of a sum of 5,000*l.* for the relief of the sufferers by the late conflagration at St. John's, and that My Lords have instructed the officer in charge of the Commissariat on the station to hold that amount at the disposal of the Governor for the purpose of such relief, either in money or in bills on My Lords' Board, as the Governor may see fit to require.

Let instructions to the above effect be conveyed to the officer in charge of the Commissariat at Newfoundland accordingly.

TREASURY MINUTE, dated 14 July 1846.

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer calls the attention of the Board to the directions given by a Minute of 3d instant, for placing a sum of 5,000*l.* at the disposal of the Governor of Newfoundland, for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire at St. John's; and having stated to the Board that it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government that application shall be made to Parliament for a grant of 30,000*l.* for the relief of the destitute or indigent sufferers by that calamity, he suggests to the Board that it is very desirable the Governor should be apprized, without delay, of this intention, and that directions should, at the same time, be given for placing the further amount of 25,000*l.* at his disposal, for immediate issue, if necessary.

My Lords concur in this suggestion, and direct that a letter be written to Mr. Stephen, requesting he will acquaint Earl Grey that, in pursuance of the intention above adverted to, My Lords will instruct the officer in charge of the Commissariat at Newfoundland, to hold at the disposal of the Governor of that settlement, in addition to the sum of 5,000*l.* already authorized to be issued for the relief of the sufferers by the late conflagration, a further amount of 25,000*l.* for that purpose; and Mr. Stephen will suggest to Earl Grey that the Governor should be authorized to make such arrangements as he may deem most expedient and effectual for ensuring the due application of these sums to the object for which it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government that they should be appropriated.

Write to the officer in charge of the Commissariat at Newfoundland, and, referring to the directions conveyed to him on the 3d instant, for an issue to the amount of 5,000*l.* for the relief of the sufferers at St. John's, acquaint him that My Lords are pleased to authorize him to hold a further amount of 25,000*l.* at the disposal of the Governor of Newfoundland for the same purpose, and desire he will accordingly comply with such further requisitions to that extent as may be made by the Governor, communicating with his Excellency as to the most eligible mode of making the issues, either in money or by bills, in such manner as may be the least liable to interfere inconveniently with the ordinary services payable from the chest under his charge.