

communication shall be regularly maintained by the said Company in manner above mentioned ; and all matters passing thereon to or from the United States be transmitted through this province on the lines of some or one of the telegraph companies now or hereafter to be established within this province, no person or persons, or body or bodies politic or corporate, other than the said New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company shall be permitted to extend to, enter upon, or touch any part of the coasts of this province or of the islands under the jurisdiction of the same with any telegraphic cable, wire, or other means of telegraphic communication from any other state, country, island, or place beyond the continent of America ; provided, however, that this Act shall be void unless the said New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company shall establish such telegraphic communication between this province and the United Kingdom in manner above mentioned within three years from the passing of this Act ; and provided further, that in case such telegraphic communication with the United Kingdom shall be and continue interrupted, at any one time for the period of one year, and due diligence shall not, in the judgment of the government of this province, be used to restore the same, the privileges hereby granted shall henceforth cease and determine ; and provided also that the province shall at all times have a preference in point of time in the transmission of any intelligence relative to the public service, to or from any station in this province ; and all public and political news shall be promulgated to the press and people of this province, on the most favoured terms, simultaneously with the further transmission of the same.

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MEMORANDUM.

THE Newfoundland and Atlantic Companies acting in union, their respective charters permit their consolidation, which will shortly take place.

Newfoundland has granted, for the encouragement of the enterprise, exclusive privileges of landing cables from any part of the world for fifty years.

A concession of fifty square miles of land.

Interest guaranteed for twenty years on fifty thousand pounds sterling of the bonds of the company.

A grant of five thousand pounds sterling in money, in aid of the road along the land line, with a remission of duties on materials imported.

Prince Edward Island has granted exclusive privileges for fifty years, 1,000 acres of land, and three hundred pounds currency per annum for ten years towards the encouragement of the submarine cable between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Nova Scotia has granted exclusive privileges of landing cables or wires from Europe on that province and its dependencies for twenty-five years. A similar privilege from New Brunswick, though obviously very much less beneficial, is now asked from New Brunswick.

Circumstances may render it necessary and desirable to bring the continuation of the Atlantic cable to New Brunswick by way of Prince Edward Island, or by a submarine cable across the Bay of Fundy, instead of by a land route, and with a view to ulterior arrangements it is important to know at the earliest period what encouragement this province will give to the enterprise.

The privilege asked does not exclude the landing of cables from any other province or state in America, or any land connection with any other cable from Europe, if there ever should be one. It secures merely to the companies who have hazarded so much in this enterprise the exclusive right to land a cable from Europe on the shore of New Brunswick if it shall ever find it practicable or useful to do so.

The English and American Governments reserve to themselves the right to fix the tolls of the Atlantic cable.

The privilege asked will cease on interruption for one year of communication.

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COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Hon. H. LABOUCHERE to
Lieut.-Governor the Hon. J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

(No. 54.)

SIR,

Downing Street, 28th September 1857.

I HAVE to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 3,* of the 6th ultimo, transmitting copy of a petition from the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company to the Assembly of New Brunswick, praying for the grant of pecuniary assistance and exclusive privileges.

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