

NOVA SCOTIA.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *John Harvey*, K. C. B. to Earl *Grey*, dated Halifax, 2d February 1847, enclosing a Draft for One Thousand Pounds, voted by the Legislature of *Nova Scotia* for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in *Ireland* and the Highlands of *Scotland*.

Colonial Office, Downing-street, }
18 February 1847.

(signed) B. HAWES.

PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE EARL GREY.

My Lord,

Government House, Halifax, 2 February 1847.

IT having been suggested to me, that an appeal to the local legislature of this province, on behalf of the destitute poor in Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland, would be warmly responded to, I sent down a message, of which I have the honour to inclose a copy, as well as copies of the addresses in answer, which were immediately and unanimously adopted (it may be said almost by acclamation) by both branches, together with a resolution placing at my disposal the sum of 1,000*l.* sterling to be remitted to your Lordship for the purpose of being applied to the intended object in such manner as to your Lordship may seem most advisable. A Treasury Bill for this sum is accordingly herewith transmitted.

I have, &c.

(signed) *J. Harvey*.

MESSAGE.

IN deference to the strong and universal feeling of compassion and commiseration which has been excited throughout Britain, and which cannot fail of finding an echo in the bosom of every British subject throughout the world, the Lieutenant-Governor has deemed it not inconsistent with his duty to the people of this province to call the attention of the House of Assembly to the fearful state of destitution to which so many of their fellow-subjects have been reduced by the effects of the famine now prevailing in many parts of Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland.

Comparatively exempt as are the more fortunate inhabitants of these colonies from this sad extremity of suffering, the Lieutenant-Governor cannot allow himself to entertain any doubt of the concurrence of this Assembly in the sentiment, that while we ought not to neglect existing distress or destitution on our own shores, so neither should we withhold such an extension of relief to our remoter fellow-subjects, in this hour of their grievous visitation, as may be within our means, or as may, at least, afford an evidence of our sympathy in their calamities.

On these grounds, the Lieutenant-Governor is ready to concur with the Assembly in a reasonable grant of the public money to be applied to the relief of the existing destitution among the poor in Ireland and in the Highlands of Scotland, in such manner as Her Majesty's Government may appoint.

(signed) *J. Harvey*.

Government House, Halifax, January 1847.

TO His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir *John Harvey*, K. C. B. and K. C. H., Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Province of *Nova Scotia* and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

The Address of the Legislative Council.

May it please your Excellency,

THE Legislative Council received, with most grateful feelings, your Excellency's Message, recommending the distressed poor in Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland to their consideration.