

5. That the Hudson's Bay Company shall immediately put their notes again in circulation.

6. That the Hudson's Bay Company relinquish a specified quantity of merchandize, which the Provisional Government would reserve to itself in case of an arrangement.

On accepting these conditions the Company shall open its stores under the protection of the Provisional Government. Fort Garry shall be opened, remaining at the same time the seat of Government under a small guard of fifty men.

Such, sir, are the conditions which the situation imposes upon us. I shall not shrink from the performance of my duty; you have a proper sense of your own, and I am confident your decision will be favorable.

Permit me to express to you here the sentiments of sympathy I feel for you in the bad state of your health, and my sincere wishes for your speedy recovery.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

LOUIS RIEL.
President.

Office of the Provisional Government,
Fort Garry, 28th March, 1870.

[Translation.]

Wm. McTavish, Esq.,

Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company in the North-West.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that you shall have the whole of the house called the office, but that we shall take the yellow storehouse, which stands first on the right of your residence.

I have also the honor to inform you that we shall require from £2,000 to £2,500 in provisions, the remainder to be given in merchandize.

I have the honor, &c.,
(Signed,)

THOMAS BUNN,
Secretary of State.

Government House, 5th April, 1870.

(Copy.)

In the name of the Hudson's Bay Company in this country, I accept and agree to fulfil all the above conditions and propositions. Witness my hand, this fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy, at Red River Settlement.

(Signed,)

WM. MCTAVISH.

Signed in our presence, the day and year above written.

(Signed,)

THOMAS BUNN,
Secretary of State,

(Signed,)

N. B. O'DONAGHUE,
Secretary.

Mr. Holland to Sir Curtis Lampson.

(Copy.)

DOWNING STREET, 17th May, 1870.

SIR,—I am directed by Earl Granville to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, enquiring whether Her Majesty's Government would give an engagement to the Company to indemnify them against any loss or damage in respect of certain stores which the Company contemplate sending to Rupert's Land.

Lord Granville desires me to state that before the goods arrive in Rupert's Land, the responsibility for the peace of the Country will probably have passed to the Canadian