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Copy of a DESPATCH from Earl GREY to Sir W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

SIR,

Downing-street, 29th January, 1847.

I HAVE had the honour of receiving your despatch of the 29th of December, No. 120, enclosing the letter and annual report of the Agent for Emigration. The information thus afforded to me is satisfactory, so far as regards the effectual enforcement of the Passengers' Act, and the absence of abuse, or of any difficulty in providing for the emigrants who have remained in the province. I regret however to observe, that the settlement of the fine province of New Brunswick is proceeding so slowly, and I am of opinion that the attention of the Legislature might, with great advantage, be directed to a consideration of the means which it may be in their power to adopt, with a view of promoting the more rapid advance of the colony in population and wealth, and the development of its great natural resources. Her Majesty's Government will be most anxious to co-operate, so far as they have the power to do so, in any well devised measures which may be suggested for this purpose. I concur with you, however, in considering that it would not be expedient to allow land to be sold to settlers upon credit, to be repaid in work on roads. You will express to Mr. Perley, my approbation of the zeal and ability which he has displayed in the execution of his important office.

I have, &c.

Lieut.-Governor Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke,

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