

NOVA SCOTIA.

You will express to your present Executive Council the satisfaction with which I have read their Minute of 8th February 1848, in which they express their intention to resist, with firmness, the introduction of the mischievous policy of sweeping changes of subordinate functionaries.

I trust that the system of responsible government, of which they so justly appreciate and apply the principles, may now be regarded as established in Nova Scotia in a manner calculated to make it work for the general advantage of the inhabitants of the province.

—No. 14.—

(No. 12.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *John Harvey*, K.C.B., to Earl *Grey*.

Government House, Halifax, 11 March 1848.

(Received 27 March 1848.)

No. 14.

Lieut.-Governor  
Sir John Harvey to  
Earl Grey.  
11 March 1848.

My Lord,

SINCE the departure of the last mail, by which I informed you of the general aspect of affairs, the elections for the townships and county of Halifax have been held, and, as I anticipated, have resulted in the triumphant return of the Attorney-General and of the Provincial Secretary. Mr. Uniacke received 834 votes in the townships—his opponent but 449, so that nearly two-thirds of a constituency to which he had never before appealed, including a majority in every ward of the city, sustained him. Mr. Howe received from the more numerous constituency of the county 1,547 votes—his opponent but 715—his majority was therefore 832, or more than two-thirds of the whole.

These results, as your Lordship will readily perceive, give great strength and moral weight to the administration, and in so far as they may be viewed as indications on the part of the people of Nova Scotia of a growing appreciation of the enlightened policy propounded by Her Majesty's Government, I need not assure your Lordship that they have given me infinite satisfaction.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *J. Harvey*.

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—No. 15.—

(No. 27.)

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Lieut.-Governor Sir *E. Head*, Bart., to Earl *Grey*, dated Government House, Fredericton, 20 May 1848.

No. 15.  
Governor Sir H.  
Head to Earl Grey.  
20 May 1848.

ON the 4th of February last the following resolution was passed by the House of Assembly:—

“ That an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to lay before the House copies of any despatches he may have received from the Right honourable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the tenure of public office in this province, or upon the subject of responsible government.”

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On the 10th of February Sir William Colebrooke caused an extract from your Lordship's despatch to Sir John Harvey of the 31st of March 1847, to be laid before the Assembly, and on the 24th of February a committee of the whole House proceeded to consider the extract so communicated to them. The following resolution was then adopted by a majority of 23 to 11, after an amendment had been negatived:—

“ Resolved, as the opinion of this Committee, that the House should approve of the principles of the Colonial Government contained in the despatch of the Right honourable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, of the 31st of March 1847, and of their application to this province.”