

will arrange with such members of your Administration as may be deputed to assist at the conference to attend at Quebec on Wednesday, September 10th, for that purpose.

The question of intercolonial trade will probably be discussed at the same time.

I have addressed a Despatch of the same import as this communication to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

His Excellency the Honourable A. H. Gordon,
&c. &c. &c. New Brunswick.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Monck.*

Enclosure 2, in No. 8.

Encl. 2, in No. 8. To His Excellency the Honourable Arthur *H. Gordon*, C.M.G., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

THE Committee of Council have had under consideration the communication of the Governor General of Canada, inviting a Conference of the Governments of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick at Quebec, on the 10th of September next, to take into consideration the proposition of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle of the 12th of April last, relative to the construction of an Intercolonial Railway; and they advise your Excellency to comply with the request of Lord Monck, and to appoint three members of your Government as such delegation; and that they be authorised to make an arrangement for the building of such road, providing the liabilities to be borne by this Province shall not exceed 35,000 *l.* sterling per annum.

(signed) *S. L. Tilley.*
John M. Millan.
W. H. Steeves.
P. Mitchell.
Jas. Steadman.
W. E. Perley.
George L. Hatheway.

Executive Council Chambers,
20 August 1862.

I am willing that the delegates from New Brunswick may agree to any scheme for the building of a railway from Halifax to Quebec, provided that the cost thereof do not exceed 3,000,000 *l.* sterling. I also consent to the capitalization of the interest thereon for such time as may by the delegates be deemed prudent.

(signed) *Charles Watters.*

20 August 1862.

Enclosure 3, in No. 8.

Encl. 3, in No. 8. MEMORANDUM OR STATEMENT which I require may be entered in the Records of the Executive Council.

I MAKE no objection to the delegation appointed to proceed to Canada to confer with the Government of that Province, and a delegation from Nova Scotia upon the subject of the Intercolonial Railway. This, I think, under the circumstances could not well be avoided; but as a majority of the Council has determined to authorise the delegates to assume on behalf of this Province, not only the sum of 20,000 *l.* sterling, the amount heretofore offered to aid in its construction, but the further responsibility of 15,000 *l.* sterling, I desire to record my protest against such a proposition, the reasons for which I have endeavoured to impress upon my colleagues; and in the event of the delegation making an arrangement which involves the extent of the liability authorised by these instructions, and the Government decide after their return to give effect to such arrangement by legislation, I shall feel it my duty to adopt such a course as will relieve myself from the responsibility of the measure, and enable me to give opposition to a scheme which, in my judgment, is fraught with consequences highly prejudicial to the material interests and welfare of this Province.

Dated 20 August 1862.

(signed) *A. J. Smith.*
