

PRINCE EDWARD (No. 47.)
ISLAND.

No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieut.-Governor Sir A. BANNERMAN
to Earl GREY.

Government House, Prince Edward's Island,
October 13, 1851.

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MY LORD,

(Answered No. 33., November 28, 1851, Page .)

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THE Emigration Act referred to in your Lordship's despatch, No. 21*, dated the 2d September, to several of the provisions of which your Lordship has objections, was to renew the expiring Act of 1848, and was introduced with the view of diminishing rather than increasing the tax on emigrants, which the Act of 1851 really does. The penalty on the master of 5*l.* per head for allowing emigrants to land, &c. is the very same as contained in the Act of 1848, to which no objection was made. It is very desirable that greater uniformity should exist in the different provinces on this subject; but, with the exception of the suggestions which your Lordship offers, as to a lower rate of head money, and to which I am sure the Legislature will readily attend to, and amend, when they again meet, I think the Prince Edward's Island Act less stringent in its provisions than those of some of the neighbouring provinces; and your Lordship's attention seems to have been directed to one provision, as appears by the despatch of August 1, 1849,* No. 185, addressed to Sir John Harvey.

* Page 55. House of
Commons' Paper,
No. 348, 30th May
1851. "Emigration,
North America."

The Rt. Hon. The Earl Grey,
&c. &c.

I have, &c.

(Signed) A. BANNERMAN.
Lieut.-Governor.
