

2. I can only refer you to my despatch of the 5th instant,* which fully explained my views on this subject. Those views are not modified by the considerations which are set forth in your despatch of the 25th ultimo.†

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

No. 31.

GOVERNOR SIR H. H. MURRAY to MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Received December 19, 1898.)

[Acknowledged December 21, 1898.]

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to forward herewith to you petitions against the Railway Contract Act, 1898, as noted below.

Government House, St. John's,
December 6, 1898.

I have, &c.,
H. MURRAY,
Governor.

By whom sent.					From what locality.			
Mr. A. le C. Berteau	...	...	...	...	Herring Neck, Twillingate District.†			
"	...	...	...	...	Belloram, Fortune Bay District.§			
"	...	...	...	...	North River, Port-de-Grave District.§			
Dr. J. S. Tait	...	...	...	...	King's Cove, Bonavista Bay.¶			
"	...	...	...	...	Knight's Cove and Stock Cove, Bonavista Bay.§			
"	...	...	...	...	Moreton's Harbour, Twillingate.†			
"	...	...	...	...	Petty Harbour, St. John's West.†			
"	...	...	...	...	Alexander Bay, Bonavista Bay.†			
"	...	...	...	...	Portugal Cove and Biscay Bay, Placentia.†			
"	...	...	...	...	Spaniard's Bay, Harbour Grace.†			
"	...	...	...	...	Seal Cove, Trinity Bay.†			
"	Burin and Mortier Bay, Burin.§			
"	Lord's Cove, Burin.†			
"	St. John's West.†			
"	Push Through, Fortune Bay.†			
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Total—Mr. Berteau					246
Dr. Tait					1,593
								1,839
Numbers to date by Despatch of 25th November, 1898¶					16,280
British Hall Petition, said to be 800, but no record here					...	...	...	800
Total signatures to date					...	...	...	18,919

* No. 23. † No. 28. ‡ Identic with that from the District of Twillingate (see p. 8).
§ Identic with that in Enclosure 2 in No. 1. ¶ Identic with Enclosure in No. 5. ¶ No. 28.