
embodying a memorandum of the Minister of Public Works relating to the proposed scheme for establishing cable connection between England and the Australian colonies *via* Canada.

With reference to the recommendation to which you draw my attention, viz., that nothing further be done in this matter pending a receipt of an answer from the Colonial Office to Mr. Fleming's communication of the 8th June last, I have to request that you will refer your Ministers to my despatch, No. 199, dated the 12th of the following month.

That despatch communicated to you a copy of Mr. Fleming's letter of the 8th of June, and informed you of the views of Her Majesty's Government on the matter of the survey of the proposed line which Mr. Fleming brought forward in that letter, and requested that Mr. Fleming, who had returned to Canada, might be apprized of the contents of the despatch. Your Lordship will perceive, therefore, that the despatch in question was intended as a reply to Mr. Fleming's letter, to which reference has been made.

I have already in my despatch No. 307, of the 1st of September, replied to the report of the Privy Council enclosed in your despatch No. 304, of the 28th of July, but my despatch had not reached your Lordship when yours now under acknowledgment was written.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND

The Most Honorable the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G.,
Governor General.