

men receiving only 8s. or 10s. per day, was to render them dissatisfied, considering themselves underpaid, and justified in refusing to give a fair amount of labour.

I have no doubt that had the works been delayed a year or two, a saving of at least a fifth of the cost might have been effected. But everything has been done to lessen the expense that economy or prudence could dictate; and bearing in mind the cost of work generally in the colony, the sum expended on such a building as the cathedral will not appear extravagant.

The probable cost of erecting the transepts and tower, would be about 5,000*l.*, that of the choir 10,000*l.* currency.

At any future time, when the erection of the transepts and choir may be proceeded with, I would strongly recommend the preparation of all the hewn stone-work previous to laying a stone of the building.

Much expense might be saved, notwithstanding packing, &c. by having the stone prepared at home, as building masons will always be more easily procured here than stone-cutters, and the first cost of the stone is much less in England or Scotland than here.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *William Hay.*

## — No. 100. —

(No. 142.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl Grey to Governor Sir *G. Le Marchant*.

Sir,

Downing-street, 30 January 1850.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 1,\* of the 3d of January, enclosing a letter addressed to me by the Bishop of Newfoundland, accompanied by a report of the architect on the state and progress of the new cathedral now in the course of erection at St. John's.

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

No. 100.  
Earl Grey to  
Governor Sir  
*G. Le Marchant.*  
30 January 1850.  
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## — No. 101. —

(No. 51.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir *G. Le Marchant* to Earl Grey.

Government House, St. John's, Newfoundland,  
8 October 1850.

(Received, 28 October 1850.)

My Lord,

(Answered, 1 November 1850, No. 178, page 127.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed letter, at the request of the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *J. Gaspard Le Marchant.*

No. 101.  
Governor Sir  
*G. Le Marchant*  
to Earl Grey.  
8 October 1850.

## Enclosure in No. 101.

My Lord,

St. John's, Newfoundland, October 1850.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that the cathedral church in this town was consecrated on the 21st ultimo (St. Matthew's day), and is now in constant use. It has been my earnest endeavour that the sacred building should be an ornament to the town, as well as convenient for the congregation, and suitable to its high and holy purpose.

Encl. in No. 101.

I am, perhaps, not the proper person to report how far these objects have been realized; but I hope and believe, that with respect to the beauty of the building and its furniture, there is no difference of opinion. The cost has been very great. I believe that the last account forwarded to your Lordship, showed that the whole amount placed at my disposal by your Lordship had been expended. Considerable sums, contributed by private friends and by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, have been also spent on the building, furniture and fences. I am not able to forward a detailed account of the expenditure, in consequence of several bills from England (which are paid) not having been yet furnished. I will only add, that all the sums entrusted to my disposal have been faithfully (I dare not say in every case wisely) spent.

I take the liberty of enclosing a printed account of the consecration, &c.

I feel it right to mention to your Lordship, that under authority of Her Majesty's letters patent, granted to me when appointed to this see, I have founded and constituted one archdeaconry in this diocese, by the title of the Archdeaconry of Newfoundland and Labrador, and have collated thereto the Rev. Thomas F. H. Bridge, M.A., to be the first Archdeacon of Newfoundland and Labrador.