

CORRESPONDENCE

WITH THE

NEWFOUNDLAND DELEGATES

RESPECTING THE

PROPOSED IMPERIAL LEGISLATION FOR CARRYING OUT THE TREATIES WITH FRANCE.

No. 1.

SIR W. V. WHITEWAY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

MY LORD,

Hotel Métropole, London, April 21, 1891.

I BEG leave to enclose, for your Lordship's information, a copy of minutes of the proceedings of the Legislature of Newfoundland relative to the mission of the delegates.

I am, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford.

(Signed) W. V. WHITEWAY.

Enclosure in No. 1.

Re Newfoundland Delegation.

EXTRACTS FROM JOURNAL OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND, 1891.

Thursday, March 19, 1891.

The Hon. the Premier presented to the House the report of the joint committee appointed to consider the despatches lately laid on the table, relating to the French treaties question, which report is as follows:—

“The joint committee appointed to consider the despatches from Her Majesty's Government which were yesterday laid upon the tables of both branches of the Legislature report that they have considered the said despatches and recommended the following resolutions for the adoption of the Legislature:—

“Resolved,—That the Newfoundland Legislature have had under consideration the despatches from Her Majesty's Government relative to the French treaties question, and especially the despatches in which it is intimated that Imperial coercive legislation relative to this Colony would be introduced.

Resolved,—That the Legislature humbly and earnestly pray that the House of Lords will be graciously pleased to take the necessary steps to delay the legislation referred to, so as to enable the Legislature of this Colony to present their views before the British House of Commons, which they will do at the earliest possible moment.”

And he moved, seconded by Mr. Morine, that the said report be received and that the said resolution be adopted.

And with the unanimous assent of the House, it was ordered accordingly.