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*Government House, Fredericton, May 26, 1851.*

MY LORD,—I have had the honor of receiving your Lordship's Despatch of May 1, 1851, with the Report of your Excellency's Council enclosed therein.

In compliance with the wish expressed by the Committee of Council, and approved by your Excellency, I have, with the advice of my Executive Council, appointed the Honorable E. B. Chandler as a delegate from this Province to confer with your Excellency and the Council of Canada, on the subject of the Halifax and Quebec Railway.

I have also communicated with his Excellency Sir John Harvey, and I find that the Honorable Mr. Howe, on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, will be ready to proceed to Toronto at the same time with Mr. Chandler.

These gentlemen will probably be at Toronto between the 10th and 15th June.

Mr. Chandler is also authorized to confer with your Excellency's advisers on any details of the Post Office arrangement, as well as with reference to the recent correspondence in the matter of Currency.

It will be for your Excellency to say how far the discussion of this last subject will be expedient.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

EDMUND HEAD.

His Excellency the Governor General, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy)—No. 37.

*Government House, Fredericton, N. B., June 13, 1851.*

MY LORD,—I have the honor to enclose copy of certain Resolutions passed at a public meeting in the County of Kent, in this Province, respecting the Halifax and Quebec Railway.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

EDMUND HEAD.

The Right Honorable Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy)—No. 274.

*Downing Street, 28th June, 1851.*

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 32, of the 23rd May, transmitting the copy of a Petition from certain gentlemen in New Brunswick, composing a Committee appointed to forward to you the Resolutions passed at County Meeting held at Dalhousie, on the 9th ultimo, deprecating the rejection by the Provincial Legislature of the plan suggested by Her Majesty's Government, for raising the necessary funds for the construction of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, and also requesting that the Royal assent may not be given to the Acts lately passed by the local Legislature for the furtherance of the European and North American, and the Saint Andrews and Woodstock Railways.

My Despatch of the 12th instant will have explained to you the views of Her Majesty's Government upon the subject of two of the Acts (Nos. 261, 2062,) to which the public meeting at Dalhousie has expressed its objection; and as regards the third Act, (No. 2063,) I have by the last Mail had the honor to convey to you the decision of the Queen; I have, therefore, only to observe, that it has not occasioned me any surprise to learn that a difference of opinion has begun to manifest itself in New Brunswick upon the decision of the Legislature, to decline availing itself of the aid of Her Majesty's Government towards the construction of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, on the terms contained in my Despatch of the 14th of March last.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor Sir E. Head, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

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*Fredericton, July 1, 1851.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Having been deputed by your Excellency in Council to proceed to Canada, for the purpose of meeting a deputation from Nova Scotia, to confer with the Governor General on the subject of the proposed Line of Railway from Halifax to Quebec or Montreal, and also on other matters, I have the honor to report, that the Honorable Mr. Howe, a Member of the Government of Nova Scotia, met, and proceeded with me to Toronto, where we arrived on the 16th June last.

We immediately called upon the Governor General, and were, by his Excellency's directions, put in communication with the Executive Council of Canada on the subject of the conference.

After meeting from day to day, several proposals were submitted, and Minutes agreed to, relating to the subject under consideration, copies of which are herewith communicated.

First,—A proposal submitted by me, on the part of New Brunswick, for aid in the construction of the contemplated Line of Railway from Halifax to Quebec:

Second,—Proposals submitted by the Executive Government of Canada, and by Mr. Howe, on behalf of Nova Scotia, for the consideration of the Government and Legislature of New Brunswick, on the subject of such Railway:

Third,—Minute in regard to a uniform Currency for the several North American Colonies:

Fourth,—Minute in regard to the assistance to be afforded by Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, for the protection of the Fishery.