

are at this time pressed by questions of foreign policy, as well as of domestic arrangements, I quite agree with your Grace that you should have time to give the important request made by the Assembly of that island the fullest consideration. I have recommended these gentlemen, therefore, not to urge their request for any more definite answer, than the favourable assurance you gave them at the interview when I was present, and to return to Newfoundland without troubling you more with their application. On behalf of the colony I would, however, remind your Grace, that the request now made by them for "responsible government" has been affirmed by three or four Houses of Assembly, and that the large majority of the inhabitants are anxious to be placed on the same footing as Prince Edward Island and other British possessions.

They consider that their loyalty to the Crown, and the comparative greater importance, in many respects, to the adjoining British possession of Prince Edward Island, fully and fairly entitle them to the same boon of self or responsible government, and they anticipate the same favourable results from a similar concession.

I hope at the same time, in justice to the Assembly and to the people of the colony, that you will direct the publication, by the Government of the island, of the decision of Her Majesty's Cabinet as soon as it can be made. With these opinions and impressions of what should be done at this time, I hope the deputies will be inclined to act as I have advised.

As an anxious friend to the British colonies, and an earnest advocate for equal justice, as the best means of promoting contentment, and of increasing the prosperity of the colony of Newfoundland,

I remain, &c.
(signed) *Joseph Hume.*

Tavistock Hotel, London,
12 August 1853.

My Lord Duke,

WE have the honour to express our concurrence in the course suggested by your Grace, and approved of by Mr. Hume, in the accompanying note. He has kindly consented to continue to communicate with you, if necessary, on the affairs of Newfoundland.

In taking our leave of your Grace, we beg to assure you that we are impressed with the conviction that the affairs of that colony shall be fairly and finally arranged by you, at your earliest convenience after the rising of Parliament. We have no doubt that upon a full consideration of its claims for justice, and all the circumstances connected with its present condition, with regard to its future welfare, you will be enabled to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion, by following the dictates of your own unbiassed judgment, and only giving the proper weight to the representations of parties interested in defeating the cause of good government in that important colony, which involves its permanent peace and prosperity. In conclusion, we hope that the decision of the Government may be published in the "Royal Gazette" of Newfoundland before the next meeting of the local Legislature.

We have, &c.
(signed) *P. F. Little.*
R. J. Parsons.

His Grace, the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.

Dear Sir,

Tavistock Hotel, 12 August 1853.

WE took our leave of the Duke of Newcastle, and he gave us every assurance of his good intentions towards the cause of Newfoundland.

In due time we shall remind you, to move for copies of the despatches, public and confidential, which have passed between the local Government of Newfoundland and the Colonial Minister since 1848, on the subject of the constitution of that colony, responsible government, and the establishment of reciprocal free trade between the United States of America, and Newfoundland. In fact, we shall leave it to you when it would be prudent to move for them.

We saw Mr. Cardwell, or rather one of us saw him, and on the whole we have reason to regard the question of reciprocal free trade, so far as Newfoundland may be concerned with the United States, as in a safe position.

With sentiments of the deepest gratitude for your great kindness to us and the people of Newfoundland, who will remember it with equal gratitude, we wish you a prolonged life and health to continue the friend of justice and humanity, while we remain,

Dear Sir,

Your's most faithfully,

(signed) *P. F. Little.*

Joseph Hume, Esq., M.P.

R. J. Parsons.

To provide against disappointment in the chapter of accidents, we deemed it prudent to solicit the support of the able and energetic Member for Manchester, John Bright, Esq., among other influential Members of the Imperial Parliament. He was so kind as to remain in London for a day, on which he had previously arranged to go to Portsmouth, for the purpose