

for the detention of important communications addressed to one of the Secretaries of State, from the British Minister at Washington, about the latter end of November last, in consequence of the Telegraph Wires having been cut.

The Governor has since received a Despatch from the Duke of Newcastle, in which His Grace says :—

“ You will, no doubt, see the necessity of checking these outrages to the utmost of your power ; and it may be well to impress upon the inhabitants of the districts where they take place, that the repetition of any acts of this kind must diminish the inducements to reckon upon Newfoundland as a link in any important chain of communication with the neighbouring Provinces, and between them and Europe.”

Some time ago, the Governor thinks, rewards were offered for the discovery of those miscreants who have cut the Telegraph Wires. The subject is one which affects the whole community, and the Governor is sure the Legislature will cordially co-operate with the Government to prevent a repetition of such outrages.

Government House, }  
10th February, 1861. }

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the table.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Acting RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents :

Customs' Consolidated Account Current of Receipts and Payments, for the year ended 31st December, 1861.

Statement of Imports and Exports, for the year ended 31st December, 1861.

Customs' Returns of Shipping for the year ended 31st December, 1861.

(*For which, see Appendix.*)

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie upon the table.

Mr. CASEY moved, seconded by Mr. TALBOT,

Motion that Debates of Assembly be published in *Record* newspaper.

That the Reports and Proceedings of this House be published in the *Record* newspaper.

Whereupon,