

granted to New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, on certain specified conditions relating to the maintenance of telegraph offices in Prince Edward Island, &c. Payable half-yearly by warrant on treasurer.

telegraphic communication between this island and the continent of America and Newfoundland, and shall likewise during the said period, at the cost and charges of the said Company, build, erect, and maintain telegraph offices and stations at either end of the electric cable connecting this island with the continent of America and Newfoundland, that is to say, at Capes Traverse and Tormentine respectively, and shall likewise provide and maintain operators at the said stations, for the purpose of transmitting intelligence from and to this island, and to the post office in Charlotte Town, at the same rate or charges as at present received by the said Company for the transmission of messages, there shall be paid to the said Company, from the public treasury of this island yearly and every year during the said period of ten years, the sum of three hundred pounds of lawful current money of this island in equal half yearly payments, for which sum the Lieutenant Governor or other administrator of the government for the time being, shall draw warrants in favour of the said Company on the treasurer of this island in the usual manner.

No. 19.

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COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Hon. H. LABOUCHERE, M.P., to Governor Sir D. DALY.

No. 25.)

SIR,

Downing Street, 31st August 1857.

No. 977 to 984.
No. 32—29 June
1857, page 27.

I HAVE received and have had under my consideration eight Acts, passed by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island in the month of April last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch, noted in the margin.

I have reported to Her Majesty in Council my opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation, and I have the honour to transmit to you herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 27th instant, approving that report.

I have, &c.

Lieut.-Governor Daly,
&c. &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

No. 20.

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COPY of DESPATCH from Lieut.-Governor the Hon. J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON, to the Right Hon. H. LABOUCHERE, M.P.

Government House, Fredericton, New Brunswick,
6th July 1857.

(No. 3.)

(Received 27th July 1857.)

SIR,

(Answered, No. 54, 28th September 1857, p. 30.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you the copy of a petition addressed to the House of Assembly of this Province by the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, praying for the grant of some pecuniary assistance or exclusive privileges.

You will observe that in the Draft Bill, a copy of which is annexed to the petition, no pecuniary aid is granted, but the first clause of this Bill would, if it became an Act, confer on the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company the exclusive privilege for twenty-five years of entering upon or touching any part of the coast of this Province with any means of telegraphic communication from any other place beyond the continent of America.

The petition was not, I believe, presented to the House of Assembly during the recent Session. I do not, however, myself entertain any doubt that a similar petition will be presented to the Assembly next year; and as the prayer of the petition, so far as it refers to the grant of exclusive privileges, involves a principle of great and general importance, I think it right to bring the matter before you for such instructions or observations as you may deem requisite.

I have, &c.

Right Hon. H. Labouchere, M.P.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

Enclosure 1.