

APPENDIX

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Award of the Commissioners severally appointed by the Provinces of Lower Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, with respect to the proposed Light Houses on the Islands of Scatari and Saint Paul.

HIS MAJESTY'S Government having announced, through the Right Honorable Lord Glenelg, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, their disposition to render less dangerous the navigation of the Gulph of Saint Lawrence, by erecting Light Houses upon the Islands of Saint Paul and Scatari, off the coast of Cape Breton, at the expense of Government, provided the Colonies, whose trade will be benefitted, engage to defray the expenses of their future maintenance; and having brought the subject under the consideration of the respective Legislatures of Lower Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, for the purpose of obtaining a commission of arbitration appointed by them, with power of adopting a final award as to the site, structure and apportionment of the annual expenses of such Light Houses, or any arrangement better adapted to the exigencies of the case: and whereas such proceedings were adopted thereon, that the Legislature of Lower Canada, after maturely considering the subject thus referred to them, passed an Act or Statute, whereby Augusten Norbet Morin, Esq. (or in case of his sickness, or any other impediment, such other person as should be appointed by the Governor, or person administering the Government,) is constituted a Commissioner on the part of the Province of Lower Canada, for the purpose of determining and deciding, jointly with the Commissioners appointed for the same purpose by the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, with respect to the most fit sites for the proposed Light Houses, and the sums of money required for the erection of the same, as well as for their future support after they shall have been erected; and to determine under what management and controul the yearly expenses of the said Light Houses ought to be placed; and to apportion the sum of money which the Province of Lower Canada ought to contribute annually toward the maintenance of the said Light Houses, according to the Tonnage of Vessels trading to or from that Province, as compared to the tonnage of vessels trading to and from the other Provinces above mentioned, and to the benefit which each Province respectively may be expected to derive from the said Light Houses, and to report his doings and proceedings to the Three Branches of the Legislature of the said Province, within the first Fifteen days of the Session next after the time when the business assigned to him shall be brought to a close.

And the House of Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick proceeded to the consideration of the subject on the Tenth day of March last, and Resolved, that measures should be adopted to ascertain the number, proper sites, and description of Lights, which it might be necessary to erect on Saint Paul's Island, in order to afford sufficient protection to Vessels passing that Island; and further, if two good and sufficient Light Houses, with Bells and Guns, should be erected in proper situations, and maintained by the Board of Commission in Nova Scotia, on the Island of Saint Paul; and also, one Light House on Scatari Island; and if the establishment at present on Saint Paul's Island, for the preservation and comfort of shipwrecked persons, be also continued and maintained by the said Board of Commission of Nova Scotia—then the said Province of New Brunswick would contribute and pay towards the same, the annual sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds: and the said House of Assembly did afterwards, on the Fourteenth day of the same month,