

NEWFOUNDLAND.

COPY " of DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Colonel *Law*, transmitting a Bill for £.500, on account of the Subscriptions raised in that Island for the Relief of the DESTITUTE POOR in *Ireland*."

Colonial Office, Downing-street, }
20 April 1847.

B. HAWES.

(PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Colonel *Law* to Earl *Grey*, dated Newfoundland, 1 March 1847, transmitting a Bill for Five Hundred Pounds, on account of the Subscriptions raised in that Island for the Relief of the DESTITUTE POOR in *Ireland*.

(No. 53.)

Government House, Newfoundland,
1 March 1847.

My Lord,

IN compliance with a Resolution passed at a public meeting, held here for the relief of the distressed Irish, I have very much pleasure in transmitting to your Lordship a bill for £.500 on the Bank of British North America, to be disposed of in the manner pointed out in the accompanying letter from the High Sheriff, Chairman of the meeting, addressed to your Lordship.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Robert Law*.

My Lord,

St. John's, Newfoundland, 1 March 1847.

At a meeting convened in this city, for the purpose of raising a subscription for the relief of the fearful distress existing in Ireland, a sum of about £.700 was subscribed, and it was resolved, as the best mode for the proper distribution of the money, that it should be transmitted to your Lordship, with a request that your Lordship would be pleased to divide it in those parts of Ireland where the suffering is greatest, and want most pressing.

Enclosed is a draft on the Bank of British North America for £.500; by the next packet the full amount of the subscriptions shall be transmitted to your Lordship.

Were it not for the present reduced circumstances of the inhabitants, occasioned by the recent calamities by which they have been afflicted, the amount of subscriptions would be much larger. Limited, however, as are their means, they consider it their duty to come forward to aid Her Majesty's Government in its sincere and arduous efforts for the relief of the suffering Irish people.

We have, &c.

(signed) *B. G. Garrett*,
High Sheriff and Chairman.
Patrick Morris,
Secretary.

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