

R E T U R N

TO AN ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, dated 23rd July, 1851; for "Copies of all Correspondence that has taken place between Her Majesty's Government and this Province, on the subject of the Act of this Legislature authorizing a private Company to construct a Railway between Halifax and Quebec."

By Command.

J. LESLIE,
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
28th July, 1851.

(Copy.)—No. 348.

DOWNING STREET,
18th April, 1849.

MY LORD,

I have received from Mr. Josiah Timmis, a letter, dated Montreal, 14th March last, bringing under my consideration an application which has been made by the Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railway Company, for the grant of three millions of acres of Crown Land in the Province of New Brunswick.

This communication has been sent to me from the Colony by the writer, and has not been transmitted through you, according to the established rule of Colonial correspondence; I have therefore to desire that you will inform the writer that his letter cannot be noticed for this reason, and that if he wishes the case to be considered, it is necessary that he should forward a fresh application through you in the regular manner, which will enable the Secretary of State to receive, at the same time, those explanations and remarks from the Governor, without which no decision can be adopted.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) GREY.

The Earl of
ELGIN and KINCARDINE,
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)—No. 83.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 1st July, 1849.

MY LORD,

With reference to Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 348, I have the honor to forward a letter [10th May] addressed to your Lordship by Mr. Josiah Timmis, requesting the aid of the Imperial Government on behalf of the Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railway Company, and a copy of a Report

of the Executive Council [30th June] on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

To the Right Honorable
Earl GREY,
&c., &c., &c.

EXTRACT of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council on Matters of State, dated 30th June, 1849, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the same day.

Upon Your Excellency's reference of certified copies of certain documents deposited with the Commissioner of Crown Lands, on 20th June instant, by Mr. Josiah Timmis, Secretary of the Provisional Committee of the Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railroad Company, the Report of the Law Officers of the Crown on the same, and a letter from Mr. Timmis to Earl Grey of the 10th May last, also laid before the Committee by Your Excellency's command, the Committee beg leave to report:

That it appearing that the deposit of the documents referred to was not a sufficient compliance with the requirements of the Act of 10 & 11 Vic., cap. 122, and that the Charter of the said Company has in consequence been forfeited, the Committee recommend that Mr. Timmis be informed of the same.

As respects the letter of Mr. Timmis to Earl Grey, the Committee, while they retain the opinion formerly expressed of the importance of this work in a national point of view, entertain but small hopes of its being undertaken with any prospect of success, unless Her Majesty's Government shall be induced to recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Imperial Parliament. The Committee would therefore beg leave to refer to their former approved Minutes of the 24th June and 20th December last, on this subject, and also to the Act of last Session (12 Vic.,