

Enclosure in No. 28.

Part I.—Containing the Electoral Divisions along the southern shore from Cape Race westwards and the Treaty Shore to Cape St. John.

| Seats. | District. | Population. | No. of Voters. | No. voted in 1897. | No. of Signatures to date. |
|--------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 | Placentia | 12,801 | 3,515 | 2,753 | 1,067 |
| 2 | Burin | 9,059 | 2,329 | 1,688 | 248 |
| 1 | Fortune | 7,671 | 1,953 | 1,254 | 159 |
| 1 | St. Barbe | 6,690 | 1,654 | 966 | 195 |
| 1 | St. George's | 6,632 | 1,844 | 1,375 | 277 |
| 1 | Burgeo | 6,471 | 1,537 | 1,075 | 648 |
| 2 | Ferryland | 5,853 | 1,585 | 1,377 | 690 |
| 11 | | 55,177 | 14,417 | 10,488 | 3,284 |

Part II.—Containing the Electoral Divisions from Cape Race northwards to Cape St. John.

| Seats. | District. | Population. | No. of Voters. | No. voted in 1897. | No. of Signatures to date. |
|--------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 | St. John's East | 20,776 | 4,611 | 3,633 | 3,137 |
| 3 | St. John's West | 15,251 | 3,871 | 3,174 | 2,395 |
| 3 | Trinity Bay | 18,872 | 4,733 | 3,734 | 1,142 |
| 3 | Bonavista | 17,849 | 4,809 | 3,345 | 527 |
| 3 | Twillingate | 16,780 | 4,336 | 3,423 | 1,858 |
| 3 | Harbour Grace | 13,881 | 2,946 | 2,239 | 1,256 |
| 2 | Bay de Verde | 9,708 | 1,763 | 1,183 | 675 |
| 2 | Harbour Main | 9,189 | 2,345 | 1,754 | 1,042 |
| 1 | Port de Grave | 7,986 | 1,872 | 1,295 | 356 |
| 1 | Fogo | 6,700 | 1,763 | 1,183 | 287 |
| 1 | Carbonear | 5,765 | 1,448 | 1,039 | — |
| 25 | | 142,757 | 34,497 | 26,002 | 12,675 |

NOTE.—To the above totals must be added 321, the number of signatures attached to a petition, already forwarded, from a few of the fishermen of the Colony when on Labrador last summer.

No. 29.

GOVERNOR SIR H. H. MURRAY to MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Received 7.15 p.m., December 7, 1898.)

TELEGRAM.

[Answered by No. 30.]

AM requested by Committee of Citizens to advise you by telegraph that petitions signed by over 1,800 electors against Railway Contract went by mail of yesterday; that other petitions signed already make total amount of signatures exceed 20,000, and that petitions from out-harbours are still being signed.

No. 30.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN to GOVERNOR SIR H. H. MURRAY.

SIR, Downing Street, December 16, 1898.
I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches* as noted in the margin, relating to the Railway Contract Act, and the petitions for its disallowance.

24 Nov.
24 Nov.
25 Nov.
Telegram,
7 Dec.

* Nos. 26, 27, 28 and 29.