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(No. 138.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor *Hamilton* to the Right Honourable
Sir *G. Grey*, Bart.

Government House, St. John's, Newfoundland,
26 December 1854.

(Received, 18 January 1855.)

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a copy of an address from the Legislative Council to me, acquainting me that they had thought it desirable that one of their number should proceed to England for the purpose of giving Her Majesty's Government information on the proceedings of the Legislature during the last Session, and that they had nominated Mr. Crowdy, the Colonial Secretary, to discharge the duties adverted to.

2. Mr. Crowdy, on account of his capacity for public business, was selected by Her Majesty's Government, and appointed by the Royal Instructions to administer this Government on the death or absence of the Governor; and, in addition to his ordinary duties, having held the office of Administrator of the Government, he is perfectly competent to afford any information you may desire to receive in relation to the affairs of the colony, as well as to fulfil the object indicated in the address of the Legislative Council.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Ker B. Hamilton*.

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To his Excellency *Ker Baillie Hamilton*, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

May it please your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's Council, having thought it desirable that one of our number should proceed to England as a delegate for the purpose of giving to Her Majesty's Government such information on the proceedings of the Legislature during the present session as circumstances may render necessary, respectfully beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that they have nominated the Honourable James Crowdy as the most fitting person to discharge the duties adverted to.

Council Chamber, 5 December 1854.

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Sir *G. Grey*, Bart.

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29 December 1854.

(Received, 18 January 1855.)

Sir,

(Answered, 25 January 1855, No. 28, page 123.)

REFERRING to my despatch No. 127,* of the 14th November last, I have now the honour to acquaint you that having, with the advice and consent of the Council, fixed the elections to take place on the 7th and 12th May, I have issued the necessary proclamation for that purpose in the form heretofore followed, with such modifications only as were requisite to make it accord with the terms of the recent Act for increasing the number of representatives.

2. At the time I forwarded my despatch of the 14th November above referred to, I did not contemplate issuing the proclamation for the election until March;

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