

*Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Railway,**Engineer's Office, Dorchester, N. B., July 22nd, 1867.*

The Hon. A. G. ARCHIBALD,

Secretary of State for the Dominion of Canada.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose you herewith a copy of a letter this day addressed to the Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, on the subject of the Railway from Truro to the boundary at Amherst, the contracts for which were undertaken by my Principals.

As the recent changes in the Government may bring the matter officially before you, I venture to trouble you with it at this early stage, and to request that you will, as far as in your Province, expedite its settlement.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obdt. Servant,

(Signed)

C. H. GRANT.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,**Halifax, July 29th, 1867.*

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22nd instant, and, in reply, beg to say that there is not a quorum of the Executive Council at present in town; but that at their first meeting your letter will be laid before them, and receive full consideration. I am, Sir, your obed. Servant

(Signed)

P. CARTERET HILL, *Prov. Sec'y.*

CHARLES H. GRANT, Esq.

No further reply has been received from the Nova Scotia Government, although their attention to the matter has been subsequently requested.

The Government do not correct or further explain the letter from the Honorable Provincial Secretary, dated the 14th July, (seventeen days after they received Mr. Beattie's first communication of the 27th June!) which evidently shows that a totally incorrect view was taken of Mr. Beattie's letter, since that gentleman (whatever his opinions may have been as to the requirements of the contract) so far from refusing to submit his plans, actually sent them in with his letter, and, therefore, in sufficient time to have them approved by the Governor in Council, and in operation within the month. Did the Government assume this to be either necessary or desirable?

No exception has ever been taken to the prescribed route, nor has any other route been recommended or suggested.