

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury to levy assessments to defray the County and Contingent expenses thereof, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Baillie, with a Bill to regulate Vessels arriving from Europe with Emigrant Passengers; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were delivered by the Honorable Mr. Chandler, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and they were again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

24th January, 1848.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor, referring to his opening Speech, lays before the Council, copies of his Correspondence in the last year with the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of Emigration.

W. M. G. C.

(Copy)—No. 135.

Downing Street, 2d December, 1847.

SIR,—I have intentionally postponed replying to several of your later Despatches on Emigration, until the close of the season should give me an opportunity of reviewing the whole subject together. I now propose to commence by adverting to such of your Despatches as are not yet answered, and by touching on such topics as require to be separately noticed in New Brunswick, and I shall afterwards refer you to a Despatch which I shall send by this Mail to the Earl of Elgin, for the general views of Her Majesty's Government, which I need scarcely say that they consider equally applicable to New Brunswick as to Canada.

In the first place I have to acknowledge the four Despatches named in the margin,* accompanied by details on particular Ships.

These have been communicated to the Emigration Commissioners, who have instituted inquiries into any of the cases which demanded investigation. I have already forwarded to you the result in some instances, and shall do the same with the Reports when they reach me.

The Commissioners have by my desire transmitted all remarks which are received on the Emigrants from particular Estates in Ireland to the proprietors, both for their information, and in order that they may have an opportunity if they wish it, of offering any explanation on the subject.

And I have also to acknowledge the three Despatches from you named in the margin,† relating more generally to the sickness of this year, and its consequences, as well as to the causes to which it may be ascribed.

I am glad to perceive by No. 75, that your zeal led you to repair to the scene of suffering at the Quarantine Station on Partridge Island, and that your visit was productive of some reforms which appear to have been much required. The observations of the Medical Board on this subject, transmitted in your Despatch, No. 84, appear entitled to much attention, and I doubt not that they will be well considered both by yourself and by the municipal authorities at Saint John.

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* No. 66, 19th July, 1847; No. 67, 30th July, do.; No. 70, 30th July, do.; No. 74, 7th August, do.

† No. 76, 27th August, 1847; No. 79, 14th September, do.; No. 84, 28th September, do.