

NOVA SCOTIA. that rank in the profession which I may perhaps not be deemed unwarranted in seeking to retain after an extensive and uninterrupted practice in the courts of Nova Scotia for upwards of 34 years, during which period I have more than once been honoured with the tender of high judicial situations, and for the last 14 years have held in succession the two principal Crown offices.

I beg your Excellency to accept my acknowledgment of your courtesy in the intercourse I have had the honour to hold with your Excellency; and to do me the favour to transmit this letter to the noble Lord at the head of the Colonial Department, by the mail that next leaves Halifax for England.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. W. Johnston.*

To his Excellency Lieut.-General Sir John Harvey,
Lieut.-Governor,
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Halifax, 28 January 1848.

HAVING in conjunction with my colleagues resigned my seat at the Council Board, in consequence of the resolution adopted by the House of Assembly on Wednesday evening, I deem it right to offer, through your Excellency to the Queen, the resignation of the office of Solicitor-General, which I have had the honour to hold since November 1844.

In doing so, I have the pleasure to believe I shall remove an obstacle which otherwise might have been presented to your Excellency, in the immediate formation of a new administration; and I act upon the principles and feelings which induced me during the Government of the noble Lord your predecessor, to place the office at his disposal for the purpose of effecting that conciliation of parties which he deemed would be for the benefit of the country; feelings and principles that led me for the same object to put the office under your Excellency's control, when I first had the pleasure of meeting you in Cape Breton, on your way to assume the government of Nova Scotia; and again, in a more formal manner, to renew the offer of resignation, in conjunction with Mr. Almon, on the 4th December 1846, when your Excellency entertained the hope of promoting the harmony of the country by a fusion of parties, on which occasion we had the honour to obtain the warm expression of your approval, accompanied with the hope that our Sovereign's approbation of our conduct might not be wanting.

Permit me to express my high sense of the urbanity and kindness which have marked your Excellency's intercourse with me since I have had the honour of being officially associated with your Excellency, and to subscribe myself,

Yours, &c.
(signed) *Edmund M. Dodd.*

His Excellency Sir John Harvey, Lieut.-Governor,
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 11.
Earl Grey to
Lieut.-Governor
Sir John Harvey.
21 February 1848.
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(No. 62.)

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Earl Grey to Lieut.-Governor Sir John Harvey, K.C.B., dated Downing-street, 21 February 1848.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of the despatch noted in the margin, in which you convey to me an account of the opening of the present session of the General Assembly of the province, the declaration of the majority of the want of confidence entertained by the assembly in the members of your then council, and the resignations which followed, as far as the particulars of these important events could be detailed in the short space of time before the sailing of the mail. I have much pleasure in approving generally of the course which you have taken under circumstances which had been foreseen and provided for by yourself; and I trust that the negotiations in which you were engaged at the date of your writing will terminate satisfactorily, and that you will be able to select advisers who will possess the confidence of that legislative body in conformity with whose expressed opinions you have accepted the resignation of the late members of the council. At present I will only notice one or two points affecting individuals which appear to call for immediate observation.

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