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2. Whereas it would be highly beneficial to countries lying contiguous to and bordering on each other, having a diversity of productions required by each, to have a free and unrestricted interchange of such articles; therefore,—*Resolved*, as the opinion of this meeting, That a free admission of articles the growth, production and manufacture of the United States into this Province, would be highly desirable and beneficial to the general interests, provided that all articles the growth, production and manufacture of this Province were admitted into the United States on the same terms.

3. Whereas it appears in the report of the proceedings of the Congress of the United States, that there is a Bill now before the House of Representatives, to provide for the admission into the United States free of duty, certain articles therein named, of the growth, production and manufacture of the Province of Canada, provided that similar articles the growth, production and manufacture of the United States are admitted into the Province of Canada on the same terms; and whereas the extension of the same principle to this Province would be highly beneficial to its trades and manufactures; therefore,—*Resolved*, That an Address be prepared and forwarded to his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor, respectfully requesting that such measures may be adopted as will include this Province in any arrangement made for the extension of the trade between Canada and the United States; and that a copy of such Address be forwarded through the proper channel to his Excellency the Governor general.

4. *Resolved*, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be communicated to influential members of the United States' Congress, urging them to have New Brunswick included in the Act now before that body to regulate the interchange of certain articles between Canada and the United States.

5. *Resolved*, That an Address, as read to the meeting, be engrossed, signed by the Chairman and Secretaries, and transmitted to his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor.

6. *Resolved*, That the Chairman communicate with influential parties in other portions of this Province, requesting them to call public meetings, and adopt such measures as they may deem necessary for the furtherance of the objects of this meeting.

(signed) *John Robertson,*
Chairman.

(True copy.)

(signed) *R. Jardine,*
James L. Harding, } Secretaries.

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(No. 69.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart., to Earl *Grey*.

Government House, Frederickton, 19 July 1848.

(Received 7 August 1848.)

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to enclose for your Lordship's information the Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting held at St. John's, on the 26th June, to petition Her Majesty against the proposed alteration in the Navigation Laws.

I also enclose the Petition adopted at this meeting, together with the required transcript.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Edmund Head.*

No. 3.
Lieut.-governor
Sir E. Head to
Earl Grey,
19 July 1848.

1st Enclosure.

2d Enclosure.

Enclosure 1, in No. 3.

PUBLIC MEETING, pursuant to the following Requisition and Notice; viz.:

To his Worship the Mayor of the City of *St. John*, &c. &c.

THE undersigned, inhabitants of *St. John*, New Brunswick, conceiving that the measures now under consideration of the House of Commons, as introduced by Mr. Labouchere, are immediately ruinous to the British as well as the Colonial ship-owners, and ultimately subversive of British interests in this province, respectfully request your Worship to call a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of this city, at an early day, for the purpose of conveying such opinion to Her Majesty the Queen, the Lords and Commons of the United Kingdom.

St. John, 19 June 1848.

Encl. 1, in No. 3.