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Government House, Halifax, May 17th, 1851.

SIR—

I have the honor to enclose copies of a Despatch and Minute of Council, which were received from His Excellency the Governor General yesterday. I shall be prepared to despatch a member of my Council to represent this Province at the Conference proposed, whenever I shall be apprised by your Excellency of the concurrence of your Government, and of the time which may be most convenient. 1st May, 1851.

I have, &c.

[Signed]

J. HARVEY.

His Excellency Sir EDMUND H. HEAD, Bart. &c. &c. &c. }
 Fredericton. }

*At a Council held at the Government House, at Halifax, on the 19th day of
 May, A. D. 1851.*

PRESENT—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,
 &c. &c. &c.

His Excellency calls the attention of the Council to a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Governor General, dated Toronto, May 1st, 1851, inclosing an extract from a Report made by a Committee of Council on the 24th of April.

Whereupon the Lieutenant-Governor is advised to depute the Honorable Joseph Howe to proceed to Canada to confer with the Governor General on Matters of State, and with full powers to accept, on the part of Nova-Scotia, the terms proposed by the Imperial Government for the construction of Inter-Colonial Railways.

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Government House, Fredericton, May 20, 1851.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge your Excellency's Letter of the 17th inst.

At a meeting of my Executive Council held yesterday, it was resolved that a member of that body should be deputed to proceed to Toronto; and it is thought that some day between the 10th and 15th of June would be a convenient time for his arrival there.

On receiving a reply from your Excellency stating this time would meet the convenience of the Delegate from Nova-Scotia, I will immediately communicate with Lord Elgin on the subject.

I have, &c.

[Signed]

EDMUND HEAD.

His Excellency Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B. K. C. H.

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