

No. 4.

Dear Sir,

Sailor's Hope, 4 June 1842.

You will see by the Governor's letter to me, and also of my answer (copies of which are enclosed), that there is a mistake in the Petition accompanying Resolutions, which I delivered lately to his Excellency to be forwarded to the Colonial Office. I would understand by the Governor's letter that the mistake is of importance.

You will soon find out the cause, and explain it to the Governor's satisfaction, that it may be corrected at the Colonial Office in England, and prevent any injurious consequences that might result to the colony.

I am, &c.

To William Cullen, Esq.
Clerk of the House of Assembly, &c. &c. &c.

(signed) *William Cooper.*

—No. 13.—

(No. 45.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Sir *Henry Vere Huntley* to Lord *Stanley*.

Government House, Prince Edward Island,
16 July 1842.

My Lord,

WITH reference to my despatch of the 13th June, No. 37, respecting the discrepancy existing between the manuscript and the printed Petitions of the late House of Assembly to the House of Commons, I have the honour to lay before your Lordship an explanation which has been sent to me by the clerk of the former, who had received directions to do so by the late Speaker, Wm. Cooper, Esq.

No. 13.
Despatch from
Sir H. Vere
Huntley to
Lord Stanley,

I have, &c.

(signed) *H. V. Huntley*, Lieut.-gov.

Enclosure in No. 13.

Sir,

Charlotte-town, 5 July 1842.

HEREWITH I have the honour to hand you, for the information of his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor, a transcript of the Petition of the late House of Assembly to the Imperial Parliament, on the subject of the fishery reserves.

Encl. in No. 13.

That any discrepancy should have occurred between the engrossed copy and the printed Journals is to me a matter of sincere regret; an interpolation, I find, however, has been surreptitiously made in the original draft of the Petition; viz., the term "Conference" has been struck out, and the words "by means of amendments" are substituted in lieu thereof; which alteration I believe to have been unauthorized by either the Speaker or the House of Assembly.

That a procedure of the kind referred to should have been done by a Member of the House of Assembly would appear to me utterly inconceivable; but I am in duty compelled to state, that such has been actually the case, as there is no room for doubt that the accompanying engrossed copy of the Petition literally corresponds with the original document in my possession, as it stood at the time of setting up the printed Journals.

I have, &c.

The Hon. T. H. Haviland,
Colonial Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

(signed) *W. Cullen*,
Clerk, House of Assembly.