

A P P E N D I X.

APPENDIX No. 1.

COPY of a LETTER from SANDFORD FLEMING, Esq., to his Grace the Duke of NEWCASTLE.

MY LORD DUKE,

London, June 10, 1863.

I HAVE the honour to solicit permission to present a Despatch from his Excellency the Governor General of Canada, which was placed in my hands before leaving Quebec a short time ago, in order that I might convey it to your Grace.

The Despatch, I believe, contains my credentials, and it will probably inform your Grace that I have been nominated to represent to the Imperial as well as the Canadian Governments the views entertained at the Red River Settlement, in the interior of British North America, regarding the extreme importance of opening up a line of communication to the Settlement for the conveyance of the mails, and for traffic, entirely through British territory, at the earliest possible moment.

His Excellency the Governor General of Canada was pleased to honour me with an interview, and to receive the memorial of the people of Red River, which I was charged to present. His Excellency was also pleased to allow me to accompany the document referred to, with some observations on the adaptability of the country for settlement; its climate, soil, and mineral wealth; the political and commercial importance of a line of communication to the settlers, without being dependent on a foreign power for the means of ingress and egress; together with remarks on the establishment of a great territorial road from Canada to British Columbia.

I now venture to ask permission to enclose copies of these documents,* and I do myself the honour to solicit your Grace's attention to them.

Your Grace will probably pardon me for here respectfully stating that an early and favourable consideration of the subject alluded to is all important to the people of Red River Settlement, who, if we except the postal and commercial accommodation extended to them by a foreign government, are at present in an isolated and unsatisfactory condition.

* These papers are not inserted here, as they form a printed pamphlet.

I have, &c.

(Signed) SANDFORD FLEMING.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

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APPENDIX No. 2.

COPY of a LETTER from T. FREDK. ELLIOT, Esq., to SANDFORD FLEMING, Esq.

SIR,

Downing Street, June 29, 1863.

WITH reference to your letter of the 10th instant, I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to acquaint you that he has given his best attention to the memorial which was entrusted to you by the inhabitants of the Red River Settlement on the establishment of a regular communication with Canada.

The question of forming such a communication has long been under his Grace's anxious consideration; and at length he has every reason to hope that it will shortly be accomplished. A scheme is in preparation, and almost matured, for establishing a postal and telegraphic communication, embracing the Red River Settlement in the route between Canada and British Columbia. With the aid of those two Colonies, which have already been addressed on the subject, and by means of a concession to the promoters of the enterprise of land in the district of country which is free from the rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, the Duke of Newcastle trusts that the execution of the project will be entered upon at no distant date.

I have, &c.

(Signed) T. FREDK. ELLIOT.

Sandford Fleming, Esq.

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