

to forward to you the Resolutions passed at a County Meeting held at Dalhousie, on the 9th ultimo, deprecating the rejection by the Provincial Legislature of the plan suggested by Her Majesty's Government, for raising the necessary funds for the construction of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, and also requesting that the Royal assent may not be given to the Acts lately passed by the local Legislature for the furtherance of the European and North American, and the Saint Andrews and Woodstock Railways.

My Despatch of the 12th instant will have explained to you the views of Her Majesty's Government upon the subject of two of the Acts (Nos. 2061, 2062,) to which the public meeting at Dalhousie has expressed its objection; and as regards the third Act, (No. 2063,) I have by the last Mail had the honor to convey to you the decision of the Queen; I have, therefore, only to observe, that it has not occasioned me any surprise to learn that a difference of opinion has begun to manifest itself in New Brunswick upon the decision of the Legislature, to decline availing itself of the aid of Her Majesty's Government towards the construction of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, on the terms contained in my Despatch of the 14th of March last.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor Sir E. Head, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

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*Fredericton, July 1, 1851.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Having been deputed by your Excellency in Council to proceed to Canada, for the purpose of meeting a deputation from Nova Scotia, to confer with the Governor General on the subject of the proposed Line of Railway from Halifax to Quebec or Montreal, and also on other matters, I have the honor to report, that the Honorable Mr. Howe, a Member of the Government of Nova Scotia, met, and proceeded with me to Toronto, where we arrived on the 16th June last.

We immediately called upon the Governor General, and were, by his Excellency's directions, put in communication with the Executive Council of Canada on the subject of the conference.

After meeting from day to day, several proposals were submitted, and Minutes agreed to, relating to the subject under consideration, copies of which are herewith communicated.

First,—A proposal submitted by me, on the part of New Brunswick, for aid in the construction of the contemplated Line of Railway from Halifax to Quebec:

Second,—Proposals submitted by the Executive Government of Canada, and by Mr. Howe, on behalf of Nova Scotia, for the consideration of the Government and Legislature of New Brunswick, on the subject of such Railway:

Third,—Minute in regard to a uniform Currency for the several North American Colonies:

Fourth,—Minute in regard to the assistance to be afforded by Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, for the protection of the Fisheries.

I have further to inform your Excellency, that the Executive Government of Canada will without delay, bring under the consideration of their Legislature, now in Session, the subject of the proposed Railway, and they express their confident opinion that Parliament will invest them with ample powers to carry out the proposals submitted, or such other as may on further consideration be found necessary.

Mr. Howe represents that the Assembly of Nova Scotia will be dissolved without delay; and after the Elections, a special Session will be called, for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of the Halifax and Quebec Railway.

When Canada and Nova Scotia may have legislated on this important subject, it will be for the consideration of your Excellency whether the Legislature of New Brunswick should not be convened, with a view to such legislative action as circumstances may require in this Province, for aid towards this great undertaking.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

ED. B. CHANDLER.