

4 PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY'S

said Company should be allowed to retain and dispose of any portion of the lands thereof on which they have built or improved.

All which we humbly pray Your Majesty to take into Your Majesty's gracious and favourable consideration.

(Signed) N. F. BELLEAU,
Speaker, L.C.
(Signed) HENRY SMITH,
Speaker, L.A.

Legislative Council, Toronto, 14th August 1858.
Legislative Assembly Hall, Toronto, 13th August 1858.

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Copy of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Sir EDMUND HEAD Bart. to the
Right Honourable Sir EDWARD BULWER LYTTON Bart.

(No. 117.)

Quebec, Sept 9, 1858.

(Received 22d September 1858.)

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a copy of a minute of the Executive Council of Canada, approved by myself this day, respecting the joint Address of both Houses of the Provincial Legislature on the subject of the Hudson's Bay territory, and the questions connected therewith.

I fully concur with my Council in the importance of this matter, and would press its consideration on Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Sir E. B. Lytton, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) EDMUND HEAD.

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COPY of a REPORT of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, dated the 4th September 1858, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the 9th September 1858.

THE Committee of Council respectfully recommend that the Resolutions passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, and the joint Address thereon of both Houses, on the subject of the Hudson's Bay Territory, be urged upon the attention of the Imperial Government by such members of the Executive Council as may be in London during this present autumn, and that, at the same time, the importance of opening a direct line of communication by railway, or otherwise, from Canada, through the Red River and Saskatchewan territories, to Fraser's River and Vancouver's Island be brought by them under the notice of the Imperial authorities.

(A true copy.)

(Signed) EDMUND HEAD.

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Copy of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Sir EDMUND HEAD Bart. to the
Right Honourable Sir EDWARD BULWER LYTTON Bart.

(No. 16.)

Government House, Toronto, Canada West,
January 29, 1859.

(Received 15th February 1859.)

SIR,

I LAID your despatch of December 22, No. 102,* relating to the question of the Hudson's Bay Company before my Council.

The Council are fully sensible of the consideration shown by Her Majesty's Advisers for the interests of Canada, and they are anxious to do all they can to bring the matter to a speedy settlement. They think, however, as Parliament is on the point of assembling, and as the matter was under the consideration of that body in their last session, that they ought not to give a final answer as to the course which they will pursue until they have had an opportunity of submitting so important a subject to the Legislature.

I trust sincerely that I shall be able speedily to communicate to you the determination of the Canadian Government.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Sir E. B. Lytton, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) EDMUND HEAD.