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Sir,

St. John's, 9 October 1854.

HAVING for some time past, as your Excellency is aware, taken a very active part on one side of the important political question by which the colony has of late been agitated, I think I ought not, when that question has been referred by the Imperial Government for the consideration of the Legislature, to continue to hold my present appointment.

Not that I have any reason to suppose that the principles which I have heretofore advocated in my place in the Assembly, and which of course I shall continue to maintain, are in any manner opposed to the policy of the Government, either here or at home, but I am aware that your Excellency has on more than one occasion written of me to the Colonial office as representing in the House your Excellency's Government, and that the same opinion has been generally entertained here, and therefore, as well that the Government may not by any proceedings of mine be in any way embarrassed in any possible contingency, as that I may be perfectly untrammelled in the advocacy of my own views, I beg leave most respectfully to resign my office of Solicitor-general.

With many thanks for the very great kindness and consideration which I have always in official intercourse received from your Excellency,

His Excellency the Governor,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Hugh W. Hoyles.*

Encl. 2, in No. 30.

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Sir,

St. John's, 6 December 1854.

BELIEVING that my holding an office under your Excellency's Government would promote the object of my intended visit to England, I readily accept, for that purpose only, the temporary appointment of Solicitor-general, with the understanding, however, that, for the reasons which I have already explained to your Excellency, I shall be permitted to resign on my return to Newfoundland.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Hugh W. Hoyles.*

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Sir G. Grey, Bart., (No. 27.)
to Governor
Hamilton.
24 January 1855.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Sir G. Grey, Bart.,
to Governor Hamilton.

Sir,

Downing-street, 24 January 1855.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 137, of the 14th of December last, apprising me that you had selected Mr. Hoyles to proceed to this country for the purpose of supplying me with information on the present position of affairs in Newfoundland. On Mr. Hoyles announcing to me his arrival, and asking for an interview, I informed him, as I had previously informed Mr. Little with regard to the communications with which he was charged, that I could not receive from him, except in writing, any statements tending to inculcate persons in Newfoundland, between whom and yourself differences may have arisen. I afterwards saw Mr. Hoyles, when he acquainted me that his only object was, to place before me the reasons which had influenced you in your decision as to the time of holding the elections, with respect to which a charge had been preferred against you in the resolutions adopted by the late House of Assembly; but as I had received from you a full statement of these reasons, and as I had already conveyed to you my opinion that they were satisfactory, I thought it unnecessary (and I understood Mr. Hoyles freely to concur with me in this opinion) that he should make an oral statement, which could only be a repetition of what you had more regularly and with sufficient clearness already made to me in writing. I regret that Mr. Hoyles should have incurred the inconvenience, to which you informed me he would be subject, by a voyage to England without, as it appears to me, any adequate occasion for it.

I have, &c.
(signed) *G. Grey.*