

PROCEEDINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE
OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, April, 5, 1851.

[*Extract from the Journal.*]

"On motion of Mr. Gray:—

Whereas the attention of this House had been called by a Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, with several documents accompanying the same, relative to the Railway formerly proposed between Halifax and Quebec, upon which it is desirable that the immediate action of this House should be taken ; therefore

"1st. Resolved, That this House fully responds to the sentiments and opinions expressed by Earl Grey in his Despatch to Lord Elgin dated 14th March 1851,—“ That the construction of “ a Railway from Halifax to Quebec is calculated greatly to “ advance the Commercial and Political interests both of the “ British Provinces of North America and of the Mother “ Country,” and “ that the time is at length arrived when this “ great National enterprise may be undertaken ;”—but they learn with regret that in a work now admitted to be of “such great importance to the British Empire,” Her Majesty's Government is not prepared to contribute any portion of the funds necessary for its construction, and should, as a condition precedent to the Imperial guarantee, require these Colonies to pledge their whole available Revenues to build the same at their own expense.”

"2d. Resolved, That while this House will adhere with strict fidelity to the pledges given to Her Majesty by the Joint Address of the Houses of Legislature of this Province, in the Session