

vernment acted upon the recommendation of the Committee, Mr. Hyde's line would at this day be up for competition.

*H.*—Why say—“Here the action of the House ceased”? What more could the House do, after adopting a report of Committee, included in which is Hyde's offer and plan to work by; all of which were accepted or adopted by the House. If the House accepted any part of my “proposition and arrangement,” they of course accepted the whole, including my offer. Again, why did the Government contract with Mr. King, *without competition*, to carry the western mails, as per scheme A, for five years, if the Committee intended these and all mails to go up to competition, (read Henry's letter on this head before referred to). Again, when Mr. Belcher wished to propose a plan for the western mails, why was he refused? Because members of Government considered the action of the House definite and final; therefore, would not take any other offer. Again, if all these mails were to go up to competition, what did the Government offer Hyde the mails for, on his own line, *without competition*. (See Woodgate's letter, 20th May—my pamphlet, page 10.) Was Hyde's “whining” a sufficient reason for the Government to violate their own principles, and act contrary to the instructions of the House. Again, scheme A did not stipulate for the conveyance of the mails; neither for a given time nor price. Hyde's, on the contrary, did. They give, then, to Mr. King what he did not stipulate for, and refuse to Hyde what they twice agreed to, viz.: first by a resolution of the House, and secondly, clearly, and definitely, through the Postmaster General, 20th May, the latter having been made after Mr. Archibald's objections had been received, as well as the first petition from Pictou—and by which Mr. Archibald and all the Couriers were left with their own lines, not interfered with in any shape by me. Here permit one word of explanation relative to Mr. Archibald's line. The Committee have recommended that “all contracts *in future*, be open to competition;” therefore, if I had asked for my own line only, Mr. Archibald's would assuredly be up to competition; particularly as the Attorney General shewed me an offer, made by a competent party, to do

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