

the month of March, 1837, for incorporating the Banks of Saint George and Fredericton. The operation of these Acts is suspended for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure; but for the following reasons I am yet unable to communicate to you Her Majesty's decision upon them.

"It appears to the Lords of the Treasury to whom they have been referred, that each of these Acts is defective in the same respects as the Acts adverted to in my Despatch of the 28th ultimo. In these Acts, no less than in those to which I have referred, there is no restriction on the issue of Promissory Notes for sums under one pound currency, while the clauses providing for the periodical returns of assets and liabilities are equally obnoxious to the objections stated in my Despatch of the 26th July. The Lords of the Treasury are therefore of opinion, that these Acts should be amended in those respects before they are permitted to come into operation.

"In this opinion I concur, and I shall therefore postpone advising Her Majesty to make any order in the Privy Council in reference to these Acts, until the Legislative Council and Assembly of New Brunswick shall have had an opportunity of considering the objections stated to them. You will bring the subject under the notice of those bodies at the next meeting.

"In regard to the Act for the establishment of a legal Tender, I abstain for the present from expressing any opinion. The question of the establishment of a general Colonial currency is under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, and until their decision on that question shall be formed, it would be premature to state what course will be adopted with reference to the Act passed for this purpose by the Legislature of New Brunswick.

"I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

"GLENELG."

Major General Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B. &c. &c. &c.

#### ABORIGINAL INHABITANTS.

*Downing Street, 23d August, 1838.*

"SIR—I have to request that you will, at your early convenience, furnish me with a report on the state of any of the Aboriginal Inhabitants who may still exist in the Province under your Government, shewing their numbers and present condition; the increase or decrease which has during the last few years occurred among them, their moral state, and any efforts which may have been made for their civilization, the proportion settling on the Lands and cultivating it, and the numbers who still adhere to savage life, the amount, if any, of property belonging to them, and the effect of any local Statutes which may have been passed for their government; I would request you to add to this report any other information which you may consider important, and more especially to favor me with any suggestions as to the measures which would be best calculated to ameliorate the condition of these people.

"I have the honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

"GLENELG."

Major General Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B. &c. &c. &c.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, also by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, for their consideration, the following Petitions, which were likewise referred to in His Excellency's Speech, viz:—

A Petition from John Wilson, Esquire, and others, of the County of Charlotte; also

A Petition from William FitzWilliam Owen, Esquire, and others, of the Islands of Grand Manan, Campo Bello and West Isles, in the said County, on the subject of granting a Bounty for the encouragement of the Coast and Harbour Fisheries, and for protection against the encroachments which continue to be made on the fishing grounds by vessels of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to prevent Pedlars travelling and selling within this Province without licence."

Mr. Connell in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, had agreed to the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted, and the Bill engrossed.

Mr. Beardsley, by leave, presented a Petition from William W. Emslie, the Commissioner appointed to expend the Grant for the Bridge over the Munquot Stream, in the County of Carleton, praying that a further sum may be granted him to pay the contract entered into for the completion of the said Bridge; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Moses, Esquire, Deputy Treasurer