

expenses, for which no provision shall have been previously made. You will, however, of course understand, that in thus pointing out the offices of which the salaries are to be paid out of this fund, His Majesty does not preclude himself from the revision of those salaries at a future date. In the case of some of them indeed, it has been already announced to you by my predecessors that reductions will be made on the occurrence of vacancies, and it is probable, therefore, that the surplus may hereafter exceed the sum which I have stated. In anticipation of that event, His Majesty directs me to announce that whatever the amount of that surplus may hereafter be, it will be applied exclusively to objects connected with the Province, and with a view solely to public interests, and an account of it will be annually laid before the House of Assembly.

It has been suggested that as the Quit Rents were included among the Revenues, which, according to Lord Stanley's proposal, would have been given up to the Assembly, so among the Revenues to be surrendered under the arrangement now under consideration should be included the sum granted in the Session of 1835, in commutation of the Quit Rents. To this suggestion His Majesty sees no reason to object, and he would, therefore, not be disposed to withhold his Assent from any Act which might be passed by the Provincial Legislature, for the purpose of repealing the Quit Rent commutation Act of 1835.

In closing this communication, I am commanded to express the satisfaction with which His Majesty has felt himself enabled to decide on the various particulars to which it refers. This gracious attention on the part of His Majesty to the wishes of his faithful subjects in New Brunswick, will, the King has no doubt, be received by them as a fresh proof of the interest which he takes in their welfare, and of his solicitude to promote the development of the great and manifold resources of that portion of the British Empire.

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

(Signed)

GLENELG.

Major General Sir A. Campbell.

Bart. G. C. B. &c. &c. &c.

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No. 85. Downing Street, 5th September, 1836.

SIR,

In my Despatch of the 31st ultimo, I have communicated to you the answer which His Majesty has commanded me to return to the Address from the House of Assembly of New Brunswick of the 14th of March last.

I have at the same time inclosed for your information, copies of the correspondence which had passed on the subject of that address, and on other matters of a public nature, between this department and Messrs. Crane and Wilmot, the Gentlemen deputed by the House of Assembly to represent them in this country. Having communicated to Messrs. Crane and Wilmot the draft of my Despatch of the 31st ult. I have received from them the inclosed observations upon it. I have also had with them personal communication on the subject. I now proceed to inform you in what respects his Majesty has in consequence been pleased to direct that the instructions contained in my Despatch of the 31st ultimo shall be altered or modified.

1. The first alteration proposed by Messrs. Crane and Wilmot is, that the Executive Council, should, in compliance with the wishes of the Assembly, be at once enlarged, without waiting the further deliberation contemplated in my Despatch of the 31st ultimo. On this point his Majesty, after a due consideration of the arguments urged by the House of Assembly, and of the representations of Messrs. Crane and Wilmot, is prepared to adopt the necessary steps for meeting the wishes of the Assembly. It is unnecessary on the present occasion to offer any pledge as to the precise number of which the Executive Council should hereafter consist, nor indeed could any invariable rule be prescribed on that subject without inconvenience. But you will immediately report to me the names of several Gentlemen whom you may think most eligible for seats in His Majesty's Executive Council. In making your selection, you will not confine yourself to any single class or description of persons, but will endeavour to ensure the presence in the Council of Gentlemen representing all the various interests which exist in the Province, and possessing at the same time the confidence of the people at large. It may not be possible always to find such persons in the neighbourhood of the Capital, but I am assured that there are gentlemen of fortune in the Province, who, if appointed to the Council, would, from public motives, attend to the duty.

2. The instructions respecting the regulation of the Land Department are next alluded to, and much stress is laid on the expediency of permitting you to give your assent at once to any Acts which may be passed by the Legislature for that purpose, instead of reserving them for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure. I must however remark, that whatever advantages might accrue from this course, they could scarcely compensate for the inconvenience which might result from a disallowance.