

COPY OF ORDER IN COUNCIL,

Approved 23rd November, 1859

On a communication dated 21st inst., of the Hon. the Minister of Finance stating that it is desirable to extend the arrangements whereby certain productions of the B. N. A. Provinces are reciprocally admitted free, so as to include all articles, either produced or manufactured, within the said Provinces;

That it would also be important to ascertain how far it might be practicable to assimilate the Tariffs of the several Provinces so as to permit entire Free Trade between them. And he recommends that Your Excellency be requested to communicate with the Lieutenant-Governors of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Governments of those Provinces are prepared to unite with Canada in recommending Legislation for the purpose of establishing the reciprocal free interchange of all productions and manufactures of the respective Provinces; and further, to enquire how far it might be practicable to assimilate the Tariffs of the several Provinces so as to permit entire Free Trade between them.

The Committee concur in the recommendation of the Minister of Finance, and submit the same for Your Excellency's approval.