

Assembly, and if the parties displaced are not satisfied with my offers to them, the Government may retain the power to put these separate lines one or all to public competition, and deduct the amount thus paid for the service from the sum to be paid me. This appears to me to meet all the objections fully, and protects all, with which I shall be satisfied. The plan adopted by the Government is a great injustice to me, unless I am protected as fully as I have offered to protect others: give me what I have offered to them and I will also be satisfied. Surely this is fair, unless there is a disposition to favor the one and despise the other.

The Hon. Jos. Howe,

Provincial Secretary.

H. HYDE.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Halifax, 13th May, 1851.

Sir,—I am commanded by the Lieutenant Governor to acknowledge your letter of the 9th of May. It would appear from that letter that you object to your own Post line being put up to competition as a violation of simple justice, yet suggest that all the other Eastern lines should be so exposed whose proprietors are not prepared to sell out on the terms you prescribe.

To His Excellency it appears more equitable that the Deputy Post Master General should accurately instruct all the Couriers, yourself included, as to the time they are to keep, the carriages to be used, and the public accommodation to be given, so that the general views of the Post Office Committee may be carried out. If all are prepared to do the work that the Country requires, the public service will be improved without injury to its servants. If any refuse, or fail, their lines should then be offered to competition.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

Mr. Hiram Hyde.

HALIFAX, 14th May, 1851.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13th, conveying the views of His Excellency the Lt. Governor on the question of Postal Communication, east of the capital. The inferences drawn from my letter of the 9th are unnatural and strained: I did not propose that other proprietors should be forced from their lines, or compelled to sell,—this was merely an offer on my part in conjunction with other offers, one of which was to give all these proprietors the same sum for the service that I received myself. This appears to me to be