

Extract of Despatch, No. 46, addressed to Lord Stanley, dated Fredericton, 12th June, 1845,
[No. 84.] *with the Acts of the Session.*

“An Act to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province.”

This Act has been passed in the usual manner; the sums appropriated for the Great Roads have been granted without any surveys or estimates to guide the Assembly; and the Grants for Bye Roads, without information as to the condition, or even situation of the Roads.

In 1841, the Accounts were submitted to the Auditor of the Government, and the Commissioners were brought under stricter control in their disbursements.

In the present year, it is proposed to obtain such Reports of the state of the Roads, and Estimates of the sums required for their repair, as will enable the Government to furnish such information to the House as will guide them in future Appropriations.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

The Right Honorable Earl Grey.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, lays before the House—

The copy of a Communication from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, enclosing copies of Resolutions of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, passed on the twenty ninth day of March, 1847, on the subject of the Post Office:

Also, the copy of a Report from the Honorable J. W. Johnston, of Nova Scotia, and the Honorable R. L. Hazen, of this Province, to His Excellency the Right Honorable Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General, &c. &c., upon the practicability of establishing an uniform and efficient Post Office System throughout the British North American Colonies.

(Copy)

Government House, Halifax, 15th June, 1847.

SIR,—In compliance with an Address of the House of Assembly of this Province, I have the honor to request that Your Excellency will invite the attention of the Legislature of New Brunswick to the enclosed copies of Resolutions, passed by the House in the last Session, on the subject of the Post Office.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

His Excellency Sir W. Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

In the House of Assembly, 29th March, 1847.

1st. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House, that the extravagant charges for Postage within this Colony, and throughout the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, operate injuriously to the social and commercial interests of the people.

2d. Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the interests of this Province, in common with those of the other Colonies above mentioned, would be materially advanced by the introduction of one uniform rate of Colonial and Inter-Colonial Postage, reduced in amount below the lowest rates in the existing scale.

3d. Resolved, That the substitution of such reduced and uniform rate for the scale of rates which are now established, when once its practical operation were fairly tested by experience, and the immediate depression, which might be its first result, were succeeded by the elasticity that would be the effect of improved and cheaper means of communication by Mail, would, in the opinion of this House, sustain, if indeed it would not increase, the Revenue derived from the Department in question.

4th. Resolved, That this House, deeply impressed with a sense of the advantages which might be anticipated for this Province, from the greater facilities of intercourse—moral, intellectual, commercial, and social—that one uniform low rate of Postage charges would confer, even if for some years those advantages should be counterbalanced by a deficiency of Revenue, and a consequent increased charge upon