

to lay wires in any of Her Majesty's colonies is most injurious to imperial interests, my Lords are unable to do more on the present occasion than to suggest that no opportunity should be lost that may present itself to the Colonial Government of putting an end to the monopoly of laying telegraphic wires in Newfoundland and its dependencies, which has been granted to the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, a monopoly which appears to my Lords not less injurious to the interests of the colony than it is to those of this country.

My Lords would also suggest that, in all Acts authorizing the laying of telegraphic wires in Her Majesty's colonial possessions, security should, so far as practicable, be taken for the construction within a limited time of the authorized lines, and for their constant maintenance in good working order; and if the Colonial Government have still power to make stipulations in the present case, the New York, Newfoundland, and London Company should be required to give security for this purpose, or it should be stipulated that in the event of the Company failing to construct, or when constructed to maintain, the line, all the exclusive privileges and powers of the Company in respect of that line should cease.

My Lords would further suggest that it is deserving of consideration whether it would not be expedient that, in all Acts conferring upon telegraph companies the power of laying down telegraph wires in Her Majesty's colonies, provisions should be inserted for securing to the Government the right of taking temporary possession of the line in cases of public emergency, and for securing to the Government and the public the use of the wires of the Company upon terms similar to those which have been imposed on telegraph companies in this country by the Acts or charters by which those companies are incorporated. A copy of one of the Acts in which the usual clauses for this purpose are contained is sent herewith. 14 & 15 Vict. cap. 135.

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COPY of DESPATCH from Lieut.-Governor DALY to the
Right Hon. Sir GEORGE GREY.

Government House, Prince Edward Island,
15th July 1854.

(Received 1st August 1854.)

(Answered, No. 75, 24th October 1854, p. 27.)

(No. 32.)

SIR,

Enclosure.

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of each of the seventeen Acts passed in the last Session of the Legislature of this island, a schedule of which I have the honour to enclose.

I have, &c.

(Signed) D. DALY.

The Right Hon. Sir George Grey, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

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(No. 894.)

CAP. IV.

AN ACT granting certain Privileges to the New York, Newfoundland, and London
Telegraph Company.—[Passed 10th May 1854.]

WHEREAS the Legislature of Newfoundland has incorporated a company, under the style and title of the "New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company," for the purpose, among others, of establishing a line of telegraphic communication between America and Europe by way of Newfoundland, and whereas it is expedient for the Legislature of this island to encourage the said undertaking: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly,

I. That the "New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company," a corporation created by the Legislature of Newfoundland, shall have the right to hold lands,
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