

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

EDMUND HEAD.

5th February, 1849.

The Lieutenant Governor, referring to his opening Speech, lays before the Council, copy of a communication received from the Secretary of State relating to the Post Office in this and the neighbouring Colonies.

E. H.

(Copy—No. 92.)

POST OFFICE.

Downing Street, 1st January, 1849.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 108, of the 1st ultimo, stating, with reference to a Communication you had received from the Governor General of Canada, relative to the Postage question, the desire of the Legislature of New Brunswick to co-operate with the neighbouring Colonies for the amelioration of the Postal arrangement.

I transmit for your information the copy of a Despatch which I have recently addressed to the Earl of Elgin on this subject, and I have to acquaint you that I have submitted the point raised by the Attorney General, as to the amendment of the Criminal Law relating to the Post Office, for the consideration of the Postmaster General.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lient. Governor Sir E. Head, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

[Enclosure in No. 92.]

(Copy—No. 301.)

Downing Street, 15th December, 1848.

MY LORD,—I have now to acknowledge your Despatch of the 14th June last, enclosing the Report of the Committee of the Executive Council of Canada on the subject of the Provincial Post Office. I have communicated on the important subjects of this Report with the Heads of other Departments of Her Majesty's Government, and I have now to inform you that Her Majesty's Government is prepared to carry into effect the proposed arrangement, and to take steps by which the management of the Post Office in the North American Colonies will be left to the Colonial Governments. But on reference to the Law Officers, they have been advised that this cannot be done without the authority of an Act of Parliament; application will therefore be made for that purpose in the ensuing Session.

(Signed)

GREY.

Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin, &c. &c. &c.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 7th February, 1849.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin,*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Solicitor General,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Simonds.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to legalize the conveyance of Water to Turner's Grist Mill, in the Parish of Saint Patrick, Charlotte County, was read a second time,

ORDERED