CUSTOM HOUSE, DISTRICT OF VERMONT,
Collector's Office,
Burlington, 10th Aug., 1858.

SIR,—Your letter of the 9th instant is received. I have instructed my deputies at Island Pond to grant your Regiment all the facilities, &c. that the law will allow, which Mr. Moore, U. S. Consul, will inform you, as I wrote him to-day before your letter was received.

Permission 'not strictly in compliance with law,' granted in this District, would not protect you in any other District in the United States.

The officers of customs in this District at Island Pond will grant you all the privileges and favors they can, and I have no doubt you will be cordially received elsewhere.

Very respectfully, &c.

J. B. BOWDISH,
Collector.

Lt. Col. THOMAS WILY,
Comm'g V. M. R. Co's,
Montreal.

The Lt. Colonel having received a communication from Portland to the effect that it was desirable that either himself or some other competent person should proceed to that city for the purpose of conferring with the Portland Committee, and as it was also necessary that arrangements should be made about the accommodation and meals of the party while there, he was requested by the Committee to undertake this duty, and accordingly proceeded to Portland on Thursday, 5th August. On his arrival on the evening of that day, he immediately waited on Maj.-Gen. Smith, with whom he arranged to meet the Portland Committee at his office at ten o'clock the following morning. On reaching Portland he found that news of the successful laying of the Atlantic Telegraph Cable had just been received. Guns were thundering out their salutes, and bells ringing out their merry peals, in joy thereof; and the completion of the great enterprise, thus joyfully announced, was accepted by him as an omen of happy augury for the forthcoming visit.

"Beneath the broad Atlantic main,
Despite the tempest wild,
Completed is th' electric chain
From parent unto child."