

THE CONCEPTION-BAY MAN

ON THE DEATH OF A FRIEND.

BY MILNES.

I'm not where I was yesterday,
Though my home be still the same,
For I have lost the veriest friend
Whom ever a friend could name;
I'm not what I was yesterday,
Though change there be little to see,
For a part of myself has lapsed away
From time to Eternity.

I have lost a thought, that many a year
Was most familiar food
To my inmost mind, by night or day,
In merry or plaintive mood;
I have lost a hope, that many a year
Looked far on a gleaming way,
When the walls of life were closing round,
And the sky was sombre gray.

For long, too long, in distant climes
My lot was cast, and then
A frail and casual intercourse
Was all I had with men;
But lonely in distant climes
I was well content to roam,
And felt no void, for my heart was full
Of the friend it had left at home.

And now I was close to my native shores,
And I felt him at my side,
His spirit was in that homeward wind,
His voice in that homeward tide;
For what were to me my native shores,
But that they held the scene
Where my youth's most genial flowers had
And affection's root had been? [blown,

I thought, how should I see him first,
How should our hands first meet;
Within his room,—upon the stair,—
At the corner of the street?
I thought, where should I hear him first,
How catch his greeting tone?
And thus I went up to his door,
And they told me he was gone!

O, what is life but a sum of love,
And death but to lose it all?
Weeds be for those that are left behind,
And not for those that fall
And now how mighty a sum of love
Is left forever for me!
No, I'm not what I was yesterday,
Though change there be little to see.

NEWFOUNDLAND A FRENCH COLONY

The following correspondence respecting Newfoundland has taken place between the Foreign Affairs Committee, of Grey's Inn-lane and the Colonial and Admiralty-offices:—
TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Oct. 5, 1858.

Sir,—We beg to call your attention to an aggression of France on the coast of Newfoundland which is not the less alarming because it was predicted twelve months ago by the inspectors of the fisheries.

The Commander-in-Chief of the French naval force stationed off Newfoundland has given what is practically a notice to quit their habitations to the inhabitants of St. George's Bay. We can find no warrant in any existing treaty for such an act, since England possesses the full sovereignty of Newfoundland, while France possesses only such liberty of fishing as is positively granted to her by treaty.

But Article 11 of the abrogated treaty of 14th January, 1857, contains a provision granting in definite power to the French officers, and the recent aggression leads us to suppose that orders have been given by the Emperor of the French to act as if the treaty were actually in force. We therefore beg you to be so kind as to inform us:—

1 Whether you have received a copy of the notice served on the inhabitants of St. George's Bay, and, if so, whether you have any objection to make that notice public?

2 Whether the matter has been brought before Her Majesty in Council, with a view to obtain from France satisfaction for the injury committed, and security against its repetition.

C. F. JONES, Secretary.

REPLY.

Downing-street, 20th Oct., 1858.

Sir,—I am Directed by Secretary Sir E. B. Lytton, to acknowledge your letter dated the 5th instant, inquiring whether he has received a

copy of a notice to quit their habitations stated to have been served on the inhabitants of St. George's Bay, Newfoundland, by the French Naval Commandant on that coast, and I am directed to inform you that Sir E. B. Lytton has not received a copy of any such notice.

CARNARVON.

TO THE ADMIRALTY.

5th October, 1858.

Sir,—We have been informed by the Commander-in-Chief of the French naval force stationed off Newfoundland has officially served on the inhabitants of St. George's Bay what is practically a notice to quit their habitations, and that that notice has been made directly, and not through any officer of the British Government. We request you to be so good as to inform us,—

1. Whether Sir Honston Stuart has forwarded to you a copy of the notice, or of the address to him on the subject from the Chamber of commerce.

2. Whether the notice has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, in order that her pleasure may be taken as to the mode in which this aggression on the part of France is to be resisted?

C. F. JONES, Secretary.

REPLY.

Admiralty, Oct. 13, 1858.

Sir,—I am commanded by my Lords, Commissioners of the Admiralty, to acquaint you that your inquiry ought more properly to have been addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

H. CORRY.

RESPONSE TO THE ADMIRALTY.

October 19, 1858.

Sir,—We requested to be informed whether a British Admiral had reported to your office that which had taken place on his station between himself and other subjects of the British Crown. We further asked whether you had taken measures to acquaint the Queen in Council, of a violation of her sovereignty by a Foreign Power, and of the demand for protection addressed to her by those who are called on by that Power to depart from their allegiance and transfer it elsewhere.

You tell us that, "an enquiry ought more properly to have been addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs."

We did not ask what were the rights that England had ceded to France on the coast of Newfoundland. We did not ask whether the French Government had been called upon to disavow and dismiss the officer who had committed a breach of the peace between the two nations.

But we gave you an opportunity of showing the efficiency of the arrangements made by your department for the protection of Newfoundland and of proving that, as a loyal subject and sworn servant of her Majesty, you had referred to her sovereign authority a matter which most nearly concerned that prerogative of peace and war which, for the protection of the people, the Constitution places in the hands of the Crown, and does not allow to be delegated to a department or a subject.

This opportunity you have not accepted, and we are therefore, compelled to believe that, so far as you are concerned, the rights and liberties of Newfoundland are as defenceless against the abrogated treaty of 14th January, 1857, as the maritime rights of England are against the authorised Declaration of Paris of the 16th April, 1856.

C. F. JONES, Secretary.

NATIONAL TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION.—It admits no longer of any doubt that telegraph lines must connect the mother country with her dependencies; and, from the circumstance that we live in an island, and that the intervening land is occupied by nations with whom we may at any day be at war, such telegraphs must be submarine and under our own control. It is understood that Government are seriously entertaining the question of laying a cable from our shores to Gibraltar in one stretch, a distance of 1,100 nautical miles and thence to Malta, there to join the Malta-Corfu line. We earnestly hope this will be speedily accomplished. Our communications with our

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W. L. SOLOMON,

Post Master General.

Post Office department,
St. John's Nfld., 26th Aug., 1858.

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