

NAVIGATION LAWS (NEW BRUNSWICK).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 21 July 1848;—for,

“COPIES or EXTRACTS of any CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS or MEMORIALS  
relative to the REPEAL of the NAVIGATION LAWS, which may have been sent  
Home by the Governor of *New Brunswick*.”

Colonial Office, Downing-street, }  
21 August 1848.

B. HAWES.

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(No. 48.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart.,  
to Earl *Grey*.

My Lord,

Government House, Fredericton, 29 June 1848.

(Received 6 July 1848.)

I HAVE the honour to enclose a copy of the proceedings of a meeting held at  
Fredericton on the 16th instant, in favour of free trade with the United States.

A still more important meeting of the same character has been held at St.  
John's, but the Resolutions passed at it have not yet been transmitted to me in  
any official shape.

The trade of this Province is at the present moment in a most depressed state.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Edmund Head*.

No. 1.  
Lieut.-governor  
Sir E. Head to  
Earl Grey.  
29 June 1848.

Enclosure.

Enclosure in No. 1.

County Court House, Fredericton, 16 June 1848.

AT a Public Meeting of the Merchants, and other Inhabitants of *Fredericton*, held in the  
County Court-house, in this City, on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1848, which Meeting  
was called by the High Sheriff, in pursuance of a Requisition to him directed, to take  
into consideration the present depressed state of the Trade of the Province, and to  
devise means for extending our Commercial Relations.

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ON motion of James Taylor, Esq., M. P. P., Benjamin Wolhaupter, Esq., High Sheriff, was  
called to the chair; and Mr. William Grigor, appointed secretary.—The meeting being  
thus organized,

James Taylor, Esq., explained the objects of the requisitionists in applying to the High  
Sheriff to call the meeting, and the necessity of adopting some means by which the present  
distress might be alleviated, and some other market found for the surplus of our wood  
goods; after which he submitted the following Resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, as the opinion of this meeting, That the recent change in the policy of the  
British Government as respects the protection of colonial goods in the home market, must  
be followed by the extension of the wood trade, particularly of that part of it which consists  
of sawn lumber as respects the Province of New Brunswick; and that it is therefore desir-  
able that we should endeavour to extend our commercial intercourse, with a view to the  
consumption of such of our articles as cannot be exported to the mother country.

This Resolution being put, was passed by a large majority in the affirmative.

Mr. Taylor then moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Robert  
Chesnut:—

*Resolved*, as the opinion of this meeting, That a free admission of the articles hereinafter  
enumerated, being the growth, production and manufacture of the United States into this  
Province, would be highly desirable and beneficial to the general interests; viz. grain and  
bread-stuffs of all kinds, vegetables, fruits, animals, hides, tallow, wool, horses, salted  
and fresh meats, coals, ores of all kinds of metal, timber, staves, wood and lumber of all  
kinds; provided the like articles, the growth, production and manufacture of this Province,  
be allowed to come into the United States on the same terms.