

6th.—To procure, by negotiation with the proper authorities, an assimilation of the Tariffs of the British West India Colonies in respect to flour, lumber, fish, and other staples of British North America, a measure which would greatly facilitate commercial operations, and may well be urged in view of the assimilation about to be made in the tariffs of Canada and the Maritime Provinces.

7th and lastly.—To promote, by prudent legislation and a sound fiscal policy, the rapid development of the great natural resources of the British North American Provinces, and to preserve as far as lies in their power, the advantage which they now possess, of being able to produce at a cheaper cost than any other country, most of the great staples which the inhabitants of the Tropics must procure from northern ports.

That the Commissioners are happy to inform your Excellency that they were received with marked attention, by the Representatives of Her Majesty in the British Colonies; by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Brazil; and by the authorities of all the Foreign Islands and places visited by them; and that everywhere they found both the governments and the people anxious to obtain information, and to promote the objects of the mission.

That the Commissioners would humbly beg your Excellency to convey, through the proper channel, their deep sense of the obligations they are under to the Lords of the Admiralty and to Vice Admiral Sir James Hope, commanding on the West India and North American Station, for having placed at their disposal one of Her Majesty's vessels, by which they were conveyed from Demerara to the different Islands within the Barbados Station.

The Commissioners finding that Mexico was still the theatre of war, deemed it inexpedient to delay their return by a visit to the capital of that Empire.

For the more convenient illustration of the subject of postal communication, a map has been prepared, and is herewith submitted.

The Commissioners very respectfully submit their report for the consideration of their respective governments.

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