

of lands in Prince Edward Island, and their tenantry, experience having sufficiently shown that no beneficial result is to be anticipated from any such interference. The duty of the Government will be limited to enforcing a strict observance of the law by the contending parties.

On the subject of the fishery reserves, it will not be in my power to submit to The Queen any advice as to the answer which it may be proper for Her Majesty to return to the Address of the House of Assembly, until I shall be in possession of the report of Her Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor-general on the question of legal right involved in that Address.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Stanley.*

PRINCE EDWARD  
ISLAND.

— No. 12. —

(No. 37.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-governor Sir *Henry Vere Huntley* to Lord *Stanley*.

Government House, Prince Edward Island,  
13 June 1842.

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to enclose for your Lordship's consideration the copy of a letter I have just received from Mr. Cooper, late Speaker of the House of Assembly, and which that gentleman had addressed to your Lordship in the original.

I beg leave to point out an extraordinary error in the fifth paragraph of this copy, wherein Mr. Cooper states that he actually signed the "three copies" as soon as they were struck off by the printer; when in reality these copies are not signed in any handwriting, but have printed upon them, "(signed) William Cooper, Speaker," and attested beneath in writing as "a true copy, Will. Cullen, Clerk H. A."

I have, &c.  
(signed) *H. V. Huntley*,  
Lieutenant-governor.

No. 12.  
Despatch from  
Lieut.-governor  
Sir H. V. Huntley  
to Lord Stanley,  
13 June 1842.

Enclosure in No. 12.

Township 56, Prince Edward Island,  
North America, 6 June 1842.

My Lord,

THE anxiety felt by many of the inhabitants of this island, that the representations of the House of Assembly on the state of this colony may be favourably treated by ministers, has induced me to address your Lordship to rectify a mistake. The enclosures will show that I am informed of a mistake in the Petitions printed, together with a series of Resolutions agreed to by the House of Assembly, on the state of the colony, which are forwarded by the Lieutenant-governor to the Colonial Office.

At the close of the last Session, the clerk of the House of Assembly, and also the printer, were considerably in arrears with their work, and to shorten the Session it was ordered that the Speaker should wait upon the Lieutenant-governor to deliver copies of the Resolutions as soon as they could be prepared after the prorogation.

When the House was prorogued I found that the documents which I was to present to the Governor could not be printed for some time, and I waited upon the Governor to inform him, and to see if he would dispense with my attendance, as the documents could be had or sent to the Governor as soon as they were printed, and with this understanding I obtained the Governor's permission to go home to attend to my farm.

On the receipt of enclosure No. 1, dated the 11th May, I went to Charlotte-town, and found that the Resolutions were not printed, but that the printers were ready to begin; and as the Clerk of the House of Assembly has the custody of the votes, I sent for him to attend the printing of the Resolutions and to correct the press, and as soon as three copies were struck off, the clerk handed them to me as correct for my signature; they were signed the 18th May, and presented to the Governor the next day.

And on the 4th June I received from the Governor enclosure No. 2, pointing out that material difference exists between the manuscript Petition presented to the Governor by a Committee of the House of Assembly, and the printed copies presented by me to his Excellency, and it appears the Governor has pointed out the mistake to your Lordship as an extraordinary circumstance.

Encl. in No. 12.