

and 4th days of September, 1849, at which the Members of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia were present.”

The 4th Resolution, adopted at the said Conference, contains a recommendation to the respective Colonial Governments of British North America, to propose to their Legislatures, the removal of all duties on their respective natural products, which are enumerated in a previous Resolution.

The Committee of the Executive Council are respectfully of opinion, that it is highly expedient, that Reciprocal Free Trade, in the articles enumerated, should be established between the several North American Colonies, and are therefore prepared to recommend to the Canadian Parliament to pass an Act to carry out the recommendation above referred to; but they are anxious to ascertain the views of the Legislatures of the other Provinces now in Session; and, therefore, humbly recommend your Excellency to communicate with the several Lieutenant Governors on the subject, and to obtain from them copies of any Bills which may be introduced, for giving effect to the recommendation of the Delegates who met at Halifax.

Certified.

(Signed) J. JOSEPH, C. E. C.

Whereupon, Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council fully concur in the views expressed by the Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council of Canada; and that

a Copy of the Bill, now before the House of Assembly, be forwarded to the Governor-General of Canada, the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, and the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

Extract from the Minutes.

(Signed) R. FULTON.

(COPY.)

A Bill relating to the Trade between the British North American Possessions.

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to make provision for a Reciprocal Trade between this Province and the other British North American Possessions.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and House of Assembly, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, whenever it may be thought advisable so to do, to declare, by Proclamation, what articles the growth, production, or manufacture of the British North American Possessions of Canada, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, or either of them, may be imported into this Province free of Duty.