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PETITIONS or MEMORIALS relative to the
REPEAL of the NAVIGATION LAWS, which may
have been sent Home by the Governor of New
Brunswick.

(*Lord George Bentinck.*)

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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.

— No. 1. —

(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.

Encl. in No. 1.

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.

After a lengthened discussion, Mr. Taylor obtained leave to withdraw both of the above Resolutions, and moved that the following Resolution be substituted in lieu thereof, which was seconded by Mr. Robert Chesnut:—

Resolved, That this meeting heartily concur in the Resolutions adopted at a public meeting of the merchants and inhabitants of the city of St. John, held on the 31st day of May last, relative to the extension of our commercial intercourse, with a view to seek a market for our exports.

This Resolution being put, was carried by a large majority.

On motion of J. A. Beckwith, Esq., the Chairman was requested to leave the chair, and Charles Macpherson, Esq. being called thereto, a unanimous vote of thanks to the Chairman for his able conduct in the chair was passed; and the meeting dissolved.

(signed) *B. Wollhaupter*,
Chairman.

Wm. Grigor,
Secretary.

— No. 2. —

(No. 54.)

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

No. 2.
Lieut.-governor
Sir E. Head to
Earl Grey.
3 July 1848.

My Lord,

Government House, Fredericton, 3 July 1848.

(Received 20 July 1848.)

Enclosure.

1. I HAVE the honour to enclose the Resolutions passed at a meeting of the merchants and inhabitants of the city of St. John, held on the 31st of May last. I regret that I was not enabled to transmit these Resolutions to England so that they might have arrived in time for the discussion of the Navigation Laws in the Imperial Parliament, but the proceedings were communicated to me in an official shape only on the afternoon of the 23d of June, after the English mail was made up.

2. I need not observe to your Lordship, that counter-resolutions and petitions in a different sense may be expected from St. John's, inasmuch as no place would appear at first sight more deeply interested in upholding the privileges of British colonial shipping. Indeed, I perceive by the public papers, that a meeting opposed to the Resolutions now transmitted has lately been held.

3. Upon the whole, I think, the most intelligent men in this Province whom I have had an opportunity of seeing, are of opinion that the city of St. John's and the Province generally would gain more by opening the American market for sawn lumber the produce of New Brunswick, than they could lose by any competition with the American shipping. My present information leads me to think that a ship can be built and rigged in St. John's at a cheaper rate than can be done in any part of the United States, and therefore, with proper care in the selection of the masters and crew, I do not see that the ship-builders of St. John's will have reason to fear the competition of foreign vessels. Your Lordship knows, however, that my experience in this Province is as yet very imperfect, and I should be sorry to speak dogmatically on so important a subject without more detailed information than I at present possess.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Edmund Head*.

Enclosure in No. 2.

Encl. in No. 2.

At a Public Meeting of the Merchants and Inhabitants of *St. John*, called by the Honourable John Robertson, President of the Chamber of Commerce, on the 31st May 1848, in compliance with a requisition presented to him, the following Resolutions were moved, and carried unanimously:—

1. *Resolved*, That the recent change in the policy of the British Government as respects the protection to colonial goods in the home market, has materially affected our trade with the mother country, and wholly destroyed that with the British West Indies; it is therefore desirable that we should endeavour to extend our commercial intercourse with a view to seek consumption for our exports.

2. Whereas

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2. Whereas it would be highly beneficial to countries lying contiguous to and bordering on each other, having a diversity of productions required by each, to have a free and unrestricted interchange of such articles; therefore,—*Resolved*, as the opinion of this meeting, That a free admission of articles the growth, production and manufacture of the United States into this Province, would be highly desirable and beneficial to the general interests, provided that all articles the growth, production and manufacture of this Province were admitted into the United States on the same terms.

3. Whereas it appears in the report of the proceedings of the Congress of the United States, that there is a Bill now before the House of Representatives, to provide for the admission into the United States free of duty, certain articles therein named, of the growth, production and manufacture of the Province of Canada, provided that similar articles the growth, production and manufacture of the United States are admitted into the Province of Canada on the same terms; and whereas the extension of the same principle to this Province would be highly beneficial to its trades and manufactures; therefore,—*Resolved*, That an Address be prepared and forwarded to his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor, respectfully requesting that such measures may be adopted as will include this Province in any arrangement made for the extension of the trade between Canada and the United States; and that a copy of such Address be forwarded through the proper channel to his Excellency the Governor general.

4. *Resolved*, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be communicated to influential members of the United States' Congress, urging them to have New Brunswick included in the Act now before that body to regulate the interchange of certain articles between Canada and the United States.

5. *Resolved*, That an Address, as read to the meeting, be engrossed, signed by the Chairman and Secretaries, and transmitted to his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor.

6. *Resolved*, That the Chairman communicate with influential parties in other portions of this Province, requesting them to call public meetings, and adopt such measures as they may deem necessary for the furtherance of the objects of this meeting.

(signed) *John Robertson,*
Chairman.

(True copy.)

(signed) *R. Jardine,*
James L. Harding, } Secretaries.

— No. 3.—

(No. 69.)

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

Government House, Frederickton, 19 July 1848.

(Received 7 August 1848.)

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to enclose for your Lordship's information the Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting held at St. John's, on the 26th June, to petition Her Majesty against the proposed alteration in the Navigation Laws.

I also enclose the Petition adopted at this meeting, together with the required transcript.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Edmund Head.*

No. 3.
Lieut.-governor
Sir E. Head to
Earl Grey,
19 July 1848.

1st Enclosure.

2d Enclosure.

Enclosure 1, in No. 3.

PUBLIC MEETING, pursuant to the following Requisition and Notice; viz.:

To his Worship the Mayor of the City of *St. John*, &c. &c.

THE undersigned, inhabitants of *St. John*, New Brunswick, conceiving that the measures now under consideration of the House of Commons, as introduced by Mr. Labouchere, are immediately ruinous to the British as well as the Colonial ship-owners, and ultimately subversive of British interests in this province, respectfully request your Worship to call a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of this city, at an early day, for the purpose of conveying such opinion to Her Majesty the Queen, the Lords and Commons of the United Kingdom.

St. John, 19 June 1848.

Encl. 1, in No. 3.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM NEW BRUNSWICK ON

In compliance with the above requisition, I do hereby request the inhabitants of this city to attend a Public Meeting, at the Court-house, on Monday next, the 26th instant, at one o'clock, for the purposes set forth in said requisition.

St. John, 20 June 1848.

(signed) *J. R. Partelow*, Mayor.

A Public Meeting was held this day at the Court-house.

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor, his Honor R. L. Hazen, the Recorder, took the Chair, when the following Resolutions were moved by the Hon. John Robertson, seconded by James Kirk, Esq., and after discussion were adopted by a large majority.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, the measures now under consideration of the House of Commons relative to the alteration or revision of the Navigation Laws, will prove destructive to ship-owners, ruinous to ship-builders, and will generally affect the welfare and prosperity of the British Empire, as there is no reciprocity or equivalent to be found in the scheme introduced by Mr. Labouchere for the sacrifice of so great a boon to the foreigner; and, moreover, that this province particularly being largely interested as ship-owners, extensively engaged in ship-building, furnishing employment to thousands of artisans, emigrants and labourers, would suffer most seriously if the alterations now contemplated are carried, without immediately opening other channels in some measure to compensate for the ruinous consequences that must inevitably follow.

Resolved, That this meeting consider the abandonment of a system under which Great Britain has so successfully been enabled to compete with all the world in her mercantile navy for so long a period, as unwise in principle, unsound in theory, and dangerous in practice, unless reciprocal advantages are obtained from foreign countries for such a boon conferred upon them by the sacrifice of the British shipping interest, created, fostered and cherished by the most able and celebrated statesmen that ever wielded the destinies of Great Britain, of every political creed.

Resolved, That this meeting feel deeply the influence that such a measure would produce upon the feelings and attachment of the people of this province, if left entirely unprotected, and required to compete with foreign countries in the main staples of their export, at a distance so much greater from their only market at present, and which must lead to the abandonment of the province by a very large portion of its inhabitants, leaving behind them as valueless the result of the labour of a lifetime, and destroy the prosperity of this once flourishing province of the British Empire.

Therefore *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this meeting that if the Navigation Laws are altered as contemplated, nothing will prevent such a calamity to this province, as heretofore referred to, but the opening of other markets for their exports, the privilege of selling their ships in any market, the right of procuring registers in foreign countries, perfect freedom in the employment of foreigners in the navigating of their ships, the privilege of trading to and with all countries, coastwise as well as foreign, and the removal of all restrictions in the conduct of their ships.

Resolved, That the Chairman (Hon. R. L. Hazen), John Robertson, F. A. Wiggins, John Owens, Lewis Burns, J. V. Thurgar, Edward Allison, John Wishart and John Duncan, be a Committee to prepare an humble and dutiful Petition to Her Majesty, the House of Lords, and the House of Commons, in conformity with the foregoing Resolutions, and that the Chairman do sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

St. John, 26 June 1848.

(signed) *R. L. Hazen*,
Recorder of the City of St. John,
Chairman.

(signed) *R. Jardine*,
James Robertson, } Secretaries.

Enclosure 2, in No. 3.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,

The humble and dutiful Petition of the Magistrates, Merchants and other Inhabitants of the City of *St. John*, Province of New Brunswick, duly convened at a Public Meeting within the Court-house of the City and County of *St. John*, held on the 26th day of June 1848.

Humbly showeth,

THAT the occasion of this our humble petition is one of vital importance to the present and future interests of this province; and confident in the hope that their claims, as now preferred for Your Majesty's royal consideration, will receive that due deliberation which they conceive themselves justly entitled to, before the measure now under discussion by Your Majesty's Commons in Parliament convened shall have passed into a law:

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Your petitioners humbly beg leave to represent to Your gracious Majesty, that they are firmly of opinion, that the measures now under consideration of the Imperial Parliament, as introduced by Mr. Labouchere, if they become law, will prove generally prejudicial to the British Empire, and particularly to this loyal colony, inasmuch as there is no reciprocity to be found in the plan proposed for the alteration, or rather the abrogation, of the Navigation Laws, and, moreover, that there is no equivalent provided for Your Majesty's subjects in the concession to be made to foreigners, for the privileges and benefits of the colonial and inter-colonial carrying trade, as in fact they have none to offer, save and except the coasting trade of the United States of America, which is not to be given up to British subjects, unless the coasting trade of Great Britain be conceded to them, which is not contemplated in the measure now under consideration of Parliament.

Your petitioners humbly submit for Your Majesty's gracious consideration the important fact that, in this colony particularly, a large number of Your Majesty's loyal subjects have emigrated and settled, and have invested their capital and industry in British tonnage, upon the faith of Your Majesty's protection to them as such; and, moreover, that a very large amount of the labour of emigrants is absorbed in ship-building, constituting the greater portion of the exports of this province; and if the measure now referred to be passed, it will wholly destroy the export trade of this province, in the production of which a very large amount of British manufactures is consumed.

Your petitioners feel deeply the influence that such a measure would produce upon the feelings and attachment of the people of this province, if left entirely unprotected, and required to compete with foreign countries in the main staples of their export, at a distance so much greater from their only market, and which must lead to the abandonment of the province by a very large portion of its inhabitants, leaving behind them, as valueless, the results of the labour of a lifetime, and destroy the prosperity of this once flourishing province of the British Empire.

Your petitioners, in conclusion, beg respectfully to submit, that if Your Majesty should deem it requisite for the general interests of the empire to alter the Navigation Laws, Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to prevent such a calamity to the loyal inhabitants of this province, as heretofore referred to, by refusing Your Royal Assent to any measure that does not provide for the opening of other markets for their exports, the privilege of selling their ships in any market, the right of procuring registries in foreign countries, perfect freedom in the employment of foreigners in the navigating of their ships, the privilege of trading to and with all countries, coastwise as well as foreign, and the removal of all restrictions in the conduct of their ships.

(signed) *R. J. Hazen,*
Recorder of the City of St. John, and Chairman of the Meeting.

(signed) *R. Jardine,*
James Robertson, } Secretaries.
