

To His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN  
GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Com-  
mander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.  
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Magistrates, Merchants, and other Inhabitants of Saint Stephen, have much pleasure in offering to Your Excellency a respectful and cordial welcome to this section of the Province.

Your Excellency's tour through the different parts of the Province, whilst it gives you a more perfect knowledge of its resources and its wants, will be evidence to the people that you take a lively interest in their welfare.

Your Excellency has already given to the Country an earnest of your determination to carry out the measures of Colonial policy, recently decided upon by the Imperial Government, and which must powerfully operate to create a stronger sympathy between the people and their rulers, by bringing the latter under the influence of an enlightened public opinion, and consequently to strengthen the ties which bind the Colonial subject to the Metropolitan State.

We would avail ourselves of the present opportunity to express to your Excellency our sincere attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government.

We trust that Your Excellency may find it convenient to repeat the visit, when the present pecuniary embarrassment of the Province and the people, shall have been succeeded by a revival of Commercial activity and brighter prospects.

We beg leave to tender to Your Excellency our sincere wishes for the happiness of yourself and your family, and that you may return to them in safety, and with invigorated health.

To the Magistrates, Merchants, &c., of Saint Stephen.

GENTLEMEN,—I receive with much gratification the Address in which you have so cordially welcomed my arrival in this section of the Province.

You do me justice in attributing to me a lively feeling of interest in the welfare of the people, and which, at this time, is connected with a sympathy in the trials to which they have so long been subject, from the depression of Commerce and from other causes. It is satisfactory to me to find that those efforts, under these adverse circumstances, have not been unavailing, and that an abundant harvest has led to a general conviction of the agricultural resources of the Province; and these, I hope, will be further assured by the early revival of its commercial prosperity.

I am gratified to receive your cordial support in these measures which have received the countenance and support of Her Majesty's Government, and which I cannot but think are calculated to operate powerfully in relieving the affairs of the Province, and in strengthening the bond of attachment to the Parent Country.

For your expressions of sincere attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government, I return you my warm acknowledgements.

I can assure you, Gentlemen, that I shall look forward with lively interest to the prospect of re-visiting you when the present depression to which your spirited community, in common with other parts of the Province is subject, shall have been succeeded by a revival of Commercial activity.

I request you to accept my sincere thanks for the good wishes you have been so kind as to express for myself and for my family.

#### Statistics of the Parish of St. Stephen.

Population of St. Stephen in 1840,	3,405
Square rigged Vessels owned in the Port, 1842,—39,—	10,806 tons.
Number of Saw Mills in the Parish,	42
Number of Lath and Clapboard Machines,	20
Qt. of Boards shipped from this Port in 1841,	14,519,495 sup. ft.
Qt. of Shingles shipped from this Port, in 1841,	33,941,500
Exclusive of several Cargoes of Timber and Deal, &c. shipped to Great Britain, and forwarded in rafts to St. Andrews.	
Quantity of Laths annually manufactured, about	10,000,000.
There are in the Parish, three Episcopal Churches; three Methodist Chapels; one Roman Catholic Chapel; one Universalist Meeting House.	

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His Excellency the Governor having received Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, issued in pursuance of the Act passed in the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, intituled "*An Act for amending the Constitution of Newfoundland*," has been pleased to direct the same to be published for general information.

(L. S.) VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To our trusty and well beloved Sir John Harvey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Major General in our Army, our Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over our Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, Greeting:—

Whereas by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster, the second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, His late Majesty King William the Fourth did give and grant unto the then Governor of the Island

of Newfoundland, full power and authority, with the advice and consent of the Council of the said Island, from time to time, as need should require, to summon and call General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Householdors within the said Island and its Dependencies, in such manner and form, and according to such powers, instructions and authorities as were granted or appointed by certain instructions under His said late Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet accompanying the said Commission; and His said late Majesty did, by the said Commission, declare that the persons so elected having taken certain oaths therein mentioned, should be called and deemed the General Assembly of the said Island of Newfoundland; and the said Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the said Council and Assembly, or the major part of them respectively, was, by the said Commission, empowered and authorized to make, constitute and ordain Laws, Statutes and Ordinances for the public peace, welfare and good government of the said Island and its Dependencies, and the people and inhabitants thereof, and such others as should resort thereto, and for the benefit of His late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors: And whereas, by the before mentioned Instructions so referred to as aforesaid in the said Commission, the said Governor was authorized to issue a Proclamation dividing the said Island into Districts or Counties, Towns or Townships, and appointing the number of Representatives to be chosen by each of such Districts or Counties, Towns or Townships respectively: And whereas the Proclamation referred to in the said last mentioned Instructions, was accordingly issued by the said Governor, in the name and on the behalf of His said late Majesty, whereby the said Island was divided into nine Districts for the purpose of the Election of the Members of the said Assembly; and it was by the said Proclamation, amongst other things declared, that every man, being of the full age of twenty one years and upwards, and being of sound understanding, and being a natural born subject of His said late Majesty, or having been lawfully naturalized, and never having been convicted in due course of law of any infamous crime, and having for two years next immediately preceding the day of Election, occupied a dwelling house within the said Island, as owner or tenant thereof, should be eligible to be Member of the said House of Assembly; and it was by the said Proclamation further declared, that every man who for one year next immediately preceding the day of Election had occupied a dwelling house within the said Island, as owner or tenant thereof, and who, in other respects, might be eligible according to the regulations aforesaid to be a Member of the said House of Assembly, should be competent and entitled to vote for the Election of Members of the said Assembly, in and for the District within which the dwelling house so occupied as aforesaid by him, might be situated: And whereas in pursuance of the said Commission, Instructions and Proclamation, General Assemblies have since been elected and holden in and for the said Island of Newfoundland, in the manner therein prescribed, and the said Commission and Instructions have, from time to time been renewed, on the appointment of the successive Governors of the said Island, and divers laws have been made in pursuance thereof by the said Governor, Council and Assembly. And whereas we did, by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date, Westminster, the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty one, in the fifth year of our Reign, constitute and appoint you the said Sir John Harvey to be our Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies; and whereas by a certain Act of Parliament passed in the sixth year of our Reign, intituled "*An Act for amending the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland*," it is, amongst other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for us, in or by any Commission or Commissions under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom to be hereafter issued for the Government of Newfoundland, and in and by any Instructions under our Signet and sign manual accompanying and referred to in any such Commission or Commissions, to establish a qualification, in respect of Income or Property, in right of which any person may be hereafter elected to serve as a member of the said Assembly, provided that no such qualification shall be fixed at more than a net annual income, arising from any source whatsoever, of one hundred pounds, or the possession of property, clear of all incumbrances, exceeding five hundred pounds in amount or value.

NOW KNOW YE, that we, reposing especial trust and confidence in the prudence, courage, and loyalty of you, the said Sir John Harvey, of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have thought fit, by this our Commission under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and in pursuance and exercise of the powers in us vested in and by the said recited Act of Parliament, to establish, and we do hereby establish a qualification in respect of Income or Property, for all persons to be hereafter elected to serve as Members of the said Assembly, (that is to say) the qualification mentioned and set forth in and by the Instructions under our Signet and Sign Manual, accompanying and referred to in this our Commission; and whereas it is by the said recited Act further enacted, that it shall be lawful for us in manner aforesaid to fix and determine the length of the period of residence