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PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.



BY AUTHORITY.



By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the last Tuesday of this present month of June, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby further prorogued to Tuesday the twenty second day of September next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the sixteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, and in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

[CIRCULAR.]

Fredericton, 30th June, 1846.

SIR,—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having this day received the following Despatch from His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, Governor of Newfoundland, detailing the circumstances attending the recent calamitous conflagration in Saint John's, the Capital of that Island, the Lieutenant Governor directs, on receipt of this communication, that you will request the Sheriff of the County to call a Public Meeting, to take the same into consideration, with a view of obtaining such contributions as may be made available for the relief of the sufferers.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

To the Clerk of the Peace
of the County of —.

Prov. Sec.

Copy of a Letter from His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, to His Excellency Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke, dated Government House, Saint John's, Newfoundland, 11th June, 1846.

"SIR,—It is my painful and melancholy duty to acquaint Your Excellency that Almighty God has been pleased to visit this Town with an awful and devastating conflagration, which has reduced the chief portion of it to ashes.

The fire broke out about half past eight o'clock, on the morning of Tuesday last, the ninth instant, in the western extremity of the Town, and the flames, borne onwards by a strong wind from the same quarter, which prevailed during the whole of that day and the succeeding night, overcame every effort to subdue them, and involved in one common ruin, (with scarcely an exception) the whole of the Mercantile Establishments with their stores of goods and provisions, very many of the Public Buildings, and at least three-fourths of the Dwelling Houses of the inhabitants.

It has not been possible as yet to obtain a correct return of the number of edifices burnt, but it is estimated that in all about 2000 have been destroyed, and nearly 12,000 persons rendered houseless.

I beg leave herewith to enclose for Your Excellency's information, a copy of certain Resolutions yesterday adopted by a meeting of the Heads of Departments, and principal inhabitants of the Town,

convened by me at the Government House; and in consideration of the state of utter destitution and distress to which many thousands of the poorer inhabitants have been reduced by the suddenness of this awful visitation of Divine Providence, and on their behalf, I have, through Your Excellency, to make an earnest appeal to the sympathy and philanthropy of the inhabitants of the Province under Your Excellency's Government for that relief which I cannot doubt will be promptly extended to their fellow subjects in this Colony who have been overwhelmed by so stupendous a calamity.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,

(Signed)

J. HARVEY."

Resolutions unanimously adopted at a Meeting of the principal Inhabitants of Saint John's, convened at Government House, by His Excellency Sir John Harvey, on Wednesday 10th June.

1st.—Resolved, That this meeting are deeply impressed with the awful visitation which yesterday befel the City of Saint John's, by which nearly Two Thousand Houses, embracing the whole of the Mercantile establishments, (with but one exception,) have been reduced to ashes, and nearly Twelve Thousand individuals deprived of a home.

2nd.—Resolved, That it is necessary, in order to guard against that distress which an exposure to the weather, and an improvident use of the small quantity of provisions that have with extreme difficulty been saved, may occasion, that a Committee should be appointed, under whose management, in co-operation with His Excellency Sir John Harvey, relief may be afforded to those who are destitute, and means taken to guard against imposition.

3rd.—Resolved, That the Committee above mentioned do consist of the following persons, three of whom shall form a quorum: A Clergyman of each Religious denomination.

Hon. William Thomas, Hon. L. O'Brien, Hon. Charles Bennett, Hon. John Kent, Lieutenant Colonel Law, Major Robe, Major Wright, Assistant Commissary General Weir, Nicholas Mudge, Thomas Job, Robert Prowse, J. B. Bulley, John O'Mara, James Clift, N. Stabb, Thomas Glen, R. Howley, James Hutton, George T. Brooking, H. Bowring, Esquires.

4th.—Resolved, That this meeting are aware that the well established credit and stability of the Trade of Saint John's, coupled with the natural and inexhaustible resources of its Fisheries, will speedily enable it to resume its usual current, but that in the mean time it is necessary that publicity should be given to the demand for provisions and building materials which at present exists in this market.

5th.—Resolved, That this meeting have learned with great satisfaction that His Excellency has issued a Proclamation convening a meeting of the Legislature for the 16th instant, and they are assured that such remedial measures will then be submitted to that body as will tend to the partial relief of present suffering, and the permanent improvement and increased security of the Capital of this Island.

No. 27.—(Copy)

Downing Street, 26th May, 1846.

SIR,—I have received and laid before the Queen your Despatch, dated the 25th April last, No. 30, and have received Her Majesty's commands to inform you that it was not Her Majesty's intention, in establishing the "Table of Precedence" more recently published, to deprive the Puisne Judges of New Brunswick of the rank which, by Her Majesty's commands, was assigned to them in Lord Glenelg's Despatch of the 17th January, 1838. The special rule in their favour exempts their case from the more general, though later rule, which might seem to contradict their claims. Her Majesty is further pleased to signify Her pleasure, that the Master of the Rolls of New Brunswick should take precedence next after the Chief Justice; that being the rule in the analogous cases in other British Colonies and in England. I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. E. GLADSTONE.