

Thursday, February 4.

effect the Fourth Article of the Treaty of Washington. The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have apprised me, that they are prepared to direct payment of such Bills as you may find it necessary to draw upon their Lordships' Board for the purpose of reimbursing to the Local Civil List Fund, the sum of £2,582 7 9 currency, which has been advanced to defray that expenditure, and that you are at liberty to draw from time to time for such sums as may be required for defraying further expenses of the same service.

It will be requisite however, that Accounts properly vouched, should be rendered, of the expenditure of any sums thus drawn for, in order that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, may be satisfied that they have been duly applied in payment of charges necessarily incident to the service in question, and in order that you may be relieved from further responsibility on account of them. I have, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lt. Gov. Sir Wm. Colebrooke.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

*Message to the House of Assembly, 2d February, 1847.*

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, Lt. Gov.

The Lieutenant Governor, referring to his opening Speech, lays before the Assembly, copies of a Communication from Earl Cathcart, relating to the proposed construction of a Line of Electro-Magnetic Telegraph through the British Provinces, by the co-operation of the Provincial Governments. W. M. G. C.

The Documents accompanying this Message being read at the Clerk's Table, are as follow :—

ELECTRO-MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

(Copy) *Government House, Montreal, 20th November, 1846.*

SIR,—On the recommendation of the Executive Council of this Province, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade of Montreal, urging the co-operation of the respective Governments of the British North American Provinces, for the establishment of an Electric Telegraph from Halifax to Toronto, on which subject the projectors of the measure here, are desirous of eliciting information as to the extent of support which would be likely to be afforded by each Province, and with this view I would invite Your Excellency to communicate to me the views entertained by yourself and your Executive Council on the subject.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

CATHCART.

His Excellency Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke, K. H.

(Copy) *Office of the Board of Trade, Montreal, 4th Nov., 1846.*

SIR,—The rapid extension on this Continent of the Electro-Magnetic Telegraph, and its general application to purposes of mercantile operations, having rendered it a matter of much importance to the British North American Provinces, that they should possess, equally with the United States, any advantages to be derived from the introduction of this invention, I am directed by the Council of the Board of Trade to pray that you will submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General, whether the establishment of a Line of Magnetic Telegraphs from Halifax, N. S., via Quebec and Montreal, to Toronto, would not be of important usefulness to the British Government, as well as conducive to the mercantile interests of the Provinces in question, and on these grounds deserving encouragement from both the Imperial and Provincial Governments.

Under the existing Post Office arrangements, the earliest European intelligence is brought to Halifax, N. S., and by the suggested line of Telegraph this advantage might be further confined to British interests, rendering the United States dependant on the said line for the intelligence, and thereby obtaining their contribution towards the expenses of the establishment; instead of which, the Telegraphic arrangements formed and forming, will have the effect of making British interests tributary to the United States, receiving the intelligence at second hand, and nearly doubled in cost by the terms exacted by the Patentee of the invention there.

The inquiries made by the Board of Trade lead them to believe that no insuperable difficulty exists to the erection of a line of Telegraph along the main Post Road through the British Provinces; but if Her Majesty's Government should decide on making either a Railroad or a Military Road between Quebec and Halifax, the Telegraph for that portion of the distance would of course be erected along the line thereof.

The cost of a line of Telegraph in the United States is stated to be about £25 per mile for a single, and about £37 10s. for a double line of wire. It is believed that the work could be done in the British Provinces for less money, but the outlay would probably exceed that which the Provinces might be disposed to undertake on their own resources, for the attainment of an object which may be regarded as scarcely less essential to the furtherance of Metropolitan than of Colonial interests. On this ground, and that Provincial capitalists may hold themselves free to support what appears to be the best Provincial line of Telegraphic communication with the sea coast, the Board of Trade are desirous that no time should be lost in submitting the project for the consideration of both the Home and the several Provincial Governments, with the view of eliciting, previous to the ensuing Session of the Canadian Legislature, the degree of support which each may be disposed to afford to it.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

FREDERICK A. WILLSON, Secretary.

The Honorable D. Daly, M. P. P., Provincial Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to inform this House, whether he has received from Her Majesty's Government a copy of the recent Act of the Imperial Parliament, authorizing the repeal, by Act of Assembly, subject to certain conditions, of any Imperial Act or Acts now in force imposing Differential Duties on Foreign Goods and Merchandise imported into this Province; and also whether His Excellency has received any Despatch or Despatches from Her Majesty's Government on this subject; and if so, that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before the House a copy of the said Act, together with the said Despatch or Despatches, or such parts thereof as His Excellency may be pleased to communicate.

Ordered, That Mr. Partelow, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Tibbitts, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

Friday, February 5.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

That the House proceed to the Order of the Day to go into Committee of the whole in consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service—

The Order of the Day being read, the House according thereto, resolved itself into said Committee.

Mr. Botsford in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the matter referred to them under their consideration, had passed one Resolution; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

Resolved, unanimously, that there be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, to be applied towards relieving a portion of our fellow subjects in Ireland and Scotland suffering the horrors of Famine.

And the Chairman further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted, and the Resolution engrossed, and leave to sit again granted.

Read as engrossed, the Resolution of Appropriation now made and passed in Supply, granting the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling for the relief of the suffering poor in Scotland and Ireland.

Ordered, That Mr. Partelow do take the said Resolution to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. Fisher,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a statement of the various sums received for Fines or commuted Penalties imposed upon Timber cut upon vacant Crown Lands within the Province, without Licence, since the year 1842, and not included in the annual Returns of the Gross Proceeds of the Casual and Territorial Revenue; specifying the amounts received each year, and the names of the Persons who have paid the same, the amounts paid by each, with the expenses incurred in collecting such Fines or commuted Penalties, and to whom and for what services such expenses have been paid, and how the balance on hand, if any, has been disposed of.

Ordered, That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hayward, and Mr. Jordan, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

*Legislative Council Chamber, Wednesday, 3d February, 1847.*

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows :—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

*Message to the Legislative Council, 3d February, 1847.*

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, Lt. Gov.

The Lieutenant Governor, referring to his opening Speech, lays before the Council a Schedule of the Reports which have been made to him in pursuance of the special inquiries undertaken in connection with the Surveys in progress for establishing a Line of Railway Communication through the Province, from the Atlantic to Quebec.

The early publication of these Reports would be advisable.

W. M. G. C.

SCHEDULE ACCOMPANYING THE MESSAGE.

No. 1. Instructions from the Provincial Secretary to the Government Emigration Agent, dated 26th October, 1846:

2. The Government Emigration Agent's Letter to the Provincial Secretary, dated 25th January, 1847:

3. Report on the several Counties of New Brunswick, with reference to their Trade, Agriculture, Fisheries, Resources and Capabilities; including Statistics of Prince Edward Island:

4. Tables, showing the principal articles exported from the Port of Saint John and its Out-Bays from 1819 to 1845, both years inclusive; the estimated value in Pounds sterling of the Im-