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Downing Street, 31st January, 1850.

SIR,-I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying extract from the London Gazette of Friday the 4th instant, containing the Commission which the Queen has been pleased to issue for the promotion of the Exhibition of the Works of Industry of all Nations, to be holden in London early in next year.

In order to carry this design into effect, and enable the Pussessions of Her Majesty abroad to take part in it, it is necessary to obtain much preliminary information, and for this purpose a letter, of which I enclose you a copy, has been addressed to my Office by one of the Secretaries to the Commission, expressing the wish of the Commissioners to be put in communication with such Persons or Bodies in each of the British Colonies from which articles are likely to be sent for Exhibition, as are considered likely to command the confidence of those who may become Exhibitors.

with such persons or bodies in each Colony from which articles are likely to be sent for exhibition, as are considered likely to command the confidence of those who may become exhibitors. The Commission will have to consider many questions bearing upon the admission of Foreign and Colonial productions, and some of those questions will be of a nature that will make it necessary for them to ascertain the views entertained in different Colonies before deciding upon them. They wish therefore to have a proper channel of communication with each Colony, and they request that Lord Grey will take such steps as he may think proper for supplying this necessity.

The Exhibition will be divided into four sections :---

- 1. Raw Materials and Produce, illustrative of the natural productions in which human industry is employed.
- 2. Machinery for Agricultural, Manufacturing, Engineering, and other purposes, and Mechanical Inventions, illustrative of the agents which human ingenuity brings to bear upon the productions of nature.
- 3. Manufactures, illustrative of the results produced by the operation of human industry upon natural productions
- 4. Sculpture, Models, and the Plastic Art generally, illustrative of the taste and skill displayed in such application of human industry.

The Commissioners are engaged in endeavouring to ascertain the amount of space which will be required for the display of these articles, for which purpose they will, of course, require some kind of estimate of the quantities of each which are likely to be sent from different parts of the world. This will be one of the first points upon which they will seek information when placed in communication with the proper parties. They will also have to make inquiries in order to guide them in determining what prizes should be given, for what articles, and under what conditions. This too, is a matter which will involve the necessity of colonial and foreign correspondence. Moreover, they will need a channel for communicating to the colonies the regulations they may from time to time adopt for the conduct of the Exhibition, such, for instance, as may relate to the exclusion of particular classes of articles on account of their size, the impossibility of preserving them, or other reasons, or to the time at which articles intended for exhibition must be sent, or to the terms on which they will be admitted.

This letter mentions the description of information which the Commissioners are desirous of procuring before the questions relative to the admission of Foreign and Colonial productions can be decided upon, and the general character of the arrangements for the proposed Exhibition, in so far as they can be at present explained.

I have, therefore, on this occasion, only to instruct you to take such steps as you may consider best calculated to accomplish the objects explained in the accompanying enclosure, and to inform you that all documents which may be sent to me by the Commissioners for the purpose of being communicated to the Colonies will be forwarded to you.

If any local Committees or other Bodies likely to possess the confidence of the Public, can be found in your Colony for the purpose of conducting the necessary correspondence, you can place these documents in their possession ; and any communications from such Bodies to the Commissioners, you are at liberty to transmit to me along with your despatches; but if no Committee or other local Body can be so formed, you will yourself afford such information and assistance as may be in your power to the Commissioners.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

GREY.

Lieut. Governor Sir E. Head, Bart.

Board of Trade, 15th January, 1850.

SIR,-I am directed by the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the promotion of the Exhibition of the Works of Industry of all Nations to be holden in the Year 1851, to request that you will move Earl Grey to communicate the fact of the appointment of the Commission to the Colonial Possessions and Dependencies of the Empire, and to acquaint them that the Exhibition will take place in London in the early part of the year 1851,

It is unnecessary to go more into detail upon the present occasion, as Lord Grey will perceive, from what has been already said, that so soon as proper channels of correspondence have been opened the Commissioners will have many matters to which to draw the attention of the Colonies which are likely to take an interest in the undertaking; and I am only to add in conclusion that it is of much importance that no time should be lost in making these communications as there are several points upon which early information is particularly necessary for the Commissioners.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

STAFFORD H. NORTHCOTE.

Herman Merivale, Esq. &c. &c.

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Colonial Office, 25th Feb'y. 1850.

SIR,-The modification of the Laws relating to Navigation and Trade, by the Act cap. 29 of the last Session of Parliament, having removed the legal restrictions which previously existed on the opening of Ports in the Colony under your government for the admission of Foreign as well as British Shipping and goods, Her Majesty's and that the Commissioners are anxious to be put in communication Government have had under their consideration some local arrange-