

their progress is subject to the delays of protracted inquiry, of hearing parties, object to the continuation of particular laws, and of holding meetings of the Privy Council. In the cases which the Address refers, these various causes of delay intervened; and especially a long period seems to have been consumed in receiving and weighing remonstrances preferred against one of the Acts in question, by persons who represented that it would be fatal to their interests, and injurious to the just rights of the proprietors of land. After their difficulties had been surmounted, a new and peculiar cause of delay appears to have occurred at the Council Office. That establishment had been regulated with reference to the business of ordinary times; but during the last two years the sanitary state of Europe has augmented to such an extent the business of Quarantine (which is under the peculiar direction of the Lords of the Privy Council), that, under the pressure of these unexpected engagements, the Officers of that department have been induced to lay aside or postpone every occupation of less immediate urgency. This is indeed a very insufficient reason for the neglect of business of so much importance as that of forwarding these Acts through their final stages, since the additional assistance which has been recently afforded, and which course have been procured at a much earlier period—I refer to the fact, not as justifying the delay, but as it may tend to convince the Council and Assembly of Prince Edward Island, that the apparent inattention to their affairs has not been the result of any failure of respect for them, or of any insensibility to the magnitude of the interests affected by these enactments, but of a necessity which, from its peculiar and alarming character, the Officers have been allowed to supersede all other topics in one particular department, to an extent not strictly defensible. The attention of the Lord President and of the Clerks in ordinary of the Privy Council, having been very distinctly drawn to the subject, I have every reason to entertain a confident hope that no similar delay will occur hereafter.

With reference to the statement that His Majesty having conceded to the local Legislature of Lower Canada the exclusive enactments of every Law affecting real property in that province, a similar relaxation of the Royal Prerogative may be claimed in favor of Acts passed in Prince Edward Island—I have to observe, that a misconception would seem to prevail as to the real object and effect of my despatch to Lord Aylmer. The case is, that a series of Acts of Parliament had been passed to determine whether certain Lands in Lower Canada should be held on Feudal or on Socage tenure, and what should be the legal consequences of the tenure in whatever respect of Inheritance, Dower, or other proprietary titles. The Assembly of Lower Canada complained of this interference with their local affairs, which they insisted could not be correctly understood, or safely regulated, except by a Legislature residing within the Province, and chosen from amongst its inhabitants. To the justice of this complaint His Majesty's Government acceded, and pledged themselves not to propose to Parliament any further interference respecting the tenure of lands in the Province, but to leave that subject exclusively to the Provincial Legislature. His Majesty did not on that occasion forego, nor has he ever abandoned his Prerogative of disallowing any Acts of the Council and Assembly which he may deem objectionable, or of suspending, in particular cases, the suspension of Laws until

His assent had been given, upon the advice of the Lords of the Privy Council. The standing instructions under which you are acting, with regard to the suspension of Acts in particular cases, are at this day in force in Lower Canada as fully as in Prince Edward Island. If the accidental circumstances to which I have already referred have had the effect of converting those Instructions on some recent occasions, into the source of a most inconvenient delay, I cannot on that account venture to advise His Majesty to forego a right coeval with the earliest settlement of Legislative Assemblies in the Colonies, and indispensable to the maintenance of the Royal authority there. An equally effective and much less inconvenient remedy will be found, in establishing a system of greater punctuality in the discharge of this branch of the public business, which His Majesty's Government distinctly pledge themselves to accomplish.

You will have the goodness to communicate a copy of this Despatch to the Council and Assembly of Prince Edward Island, acquainting them that His Majesty has been pleased to receive their Address very graciously, and to command me at once to convey to them, His thanks for their loyal expressions of attachment to His Person and Government; and to signify to His Majesty's regret that any circumstances should have occurred to impede the despatch of the business of the important and valuable Colony which they represent, and to inform them that His Majesty has issued such orders as he trusts will secure the most prompt attention to the Legislative Acts of Prince Edward Island in future.

I have, &c.

(Signed) **GODRICH.**

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