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REPORT

OF THE

HONORABLE JOSEPH HENSLEY,

Attorney General,

TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, RESPECTING HIS
MISSION TO ENGLAND ON THE SUBJECT OF THE LOAN
BILL AND OTHER MATTERS.

*To His Excellency George Dundas, Esquire, Lieutenant
Governor of Prince Edward Island, &c., &c., &c.*

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,

CHARLOTTETOWN,

20th September, 1867.

SIR ;

1. On the 15th June last an Order was made by your Excellency in Council, authorizing me to proceed to England, on behalf of the Government, to negotiate a Loan under the Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature, intituled "An Act to authorize the Government to raise a Loan of Money for the Public Services of this Island," the amount to be negotiated not to exceed £50,000 Sterling, the Union Bank of London being appointed the Agents under my directions to raise the Loan, and authority given to me to instruct the Bank as to the terms upon which the Loan was to be raised.

2. On the same day another Order was made by your Excellency in Council, authorizing me to apply to the various Proprietors of Township Lands resident in England, Scotland and Ireland, and ascertain from them the terms upon which they would be willing to sell their Lands to the Government.

3. I was also authorized by another Order made by your Excellency in Council, of the same date, to submit the views of the Executive Council to the Imperial Government in relation to a certain communication from the Commissariat Department at Halifax, signed "C. Routh," dated 18th of May, 1867, forwarding a demand for the payment of the sum of \$4,070, 11s, 6d, Sterling, on

accounts accompanying said communication, made for the transport of Troops by sea to Prince Edward Island, for their maintenance there, and other contingent expenses, which the Secretary of State had ordered to be forwarded to this Government with a view to its early payment ; and which demand this Government conceived to have been made under a misapprehension of the facts, and that on notice thereof being brought to the attention of the Imperial Government, Mr. Routh would be instructed to withdraw it.

4. In execution of these Orders I left Prince Edward Island on the 20th of June, and arrived on the 29th of June last, and having addressed a Letter on the 3rd July to His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, through H. J. Bryant, Esquire, His Grace's Private Secretary, requesting the honor of an interview, I received on the 4th of July the following reply :—

“ COLONIAL OFFICE,

“ 4th July, 1867.

“ SIR ;

“ I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of yesterday's date, and to inform you that the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos will be glad to see you on Monday next, the 8th instant, at this Office, about 3 o'clock.

“ Yours faithfully,

“ H. J. BRYANT.

“ J. HENSLEY, Esquire.”

I accordingly, on Monday, 8th July, went to the Colonial Office, and had the honor of being received by His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos.

The matter first alluded to was the Loan Bill, and my object was to obtain from His Grace an assurance that it would be submitted in Council to Her Majesty the Queen, with a recommendation that it should be left to its operation. This was necessary before I could attempt to negotiate the Loan. The nature of the Loan Bill and its object had already been brought to His Grace's notice by your Excellency's Despatch, and by my own Official Report as Attorney General, dated the 4th June, 1867, a copy of which, marked (A), is herewith transmitted. His Grace at once informed me that the Act would be submitted for Her Majesty's approval at the next sitting of the Privy Council, and a Despatch notifying this would at once be forwarded to your Excellency. No allusion was made by