

Kebleton 14 March 1845

Dear Sir

I have seen Mr. Harris & have refused to
do the usual civility of attending him as to the
conduct of the Election & that it might be considered
wrong & as your Council feeling that while I receive
your views should be followed the great & important
duty of advising the returning officer ought to
devolve upon some person disinterested. You must be
aware that the office of the Sheriff may depend upon
his conduct at this Election & it is no light matter
in such a case to withdraw the office of advisor -
It was called upon the returning Council who
requested me to see him which Mr. Harris was
willing to do but I could not urge it to
his former opinion and has advised Mr. Harris
unwisely - I cannot of course say so now but
as Mr. Harris on Commission the Sheriff may legally
suppose his own regulations at a Election and has
so informed Mr. Harris if he & his father follow this
advice which the other part of Council declare to be
optional

opinion with the Sheriff if You intended so as to
prevent their arrangements it may be your wish
how far You will be justified. I must confess I am
not prepared to state my concurrence in the views
expressed to the full extent but my opinion is
opinion for the only object to be more ask the
Sheriff to act upon it than I would be guilty of feeling
I have expressed Your views have made my own objection
to the Act but having stated this opinion I leave
the matter to your own discretion, All I will ask of
You is a fair consideration of the Sheriff's objection
and I hope all will go right

Yours very truly
James Gray

J. S. B. Fraser Esq.



March 14th 1853
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Halifax, April 11th 1845.

Dear Sir,

The House rises either to day or to morrow and before closing the duties of the Session, I think it due to you to put before you a few details.

Last year our Road rate was £750 and the School money was £560 - in all £1250.

This year we get for Roads & Bridges	£1825.
New line to Sutherlands River	200
Share of £500 grant from Halifax to Fictou Gorge	200
Vote to aid in paying Gorge Mitchell	100
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	£2325.

For Schools	
Share of £2000	£1078
Fictou Academy	250
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	£1328.
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	£3663

Our larger share of the grants for these two services I attribute to the principle of population being adopted as the best standard and altho' not main enough to attribute the introduction of it to my single efforts I am entitled to share in a part of the credit of carrying it, by a zealous advocacy of the claims of the County. I seconded Mr. Huntingdon's resolution, and my friends said I delivered a very ^{good} argument. My main satisfaction

however is that by its justice is now done to the County.
We have had to pay off this year \$500 of old debts -
but the remainder will enable us to do a vast deal of
good to the Roads, and while I have endeavored to
make a fair division I have kept my eye on the
progress of those leading improvements on the lines
which will do good to the greatest number. If I
cannot restore peace and the principle of equal justice
into the affairs of the County I shall at least have
the internal satisfaction of laboring to effect so
desirable an object. With respect I am

Yours truly

Morris of West Shore
received in 1855

April 1845