

Hero, Halifax

Aug 4th 1860

My dear Father

Since my letter of the 24th [last] everything has gone on most satisfactory. The Princes reception at Newfoundland was very warm all parties doing their utmost to show their loyalty. Addresses were presented and answered from the Many societies of the place a levee held a regatta Quidi Vidi Lake and a ball at which HRH danced until 3 in the morning were the principal events of the two days we were there but he also got a ride each day to have a look at the country. The inhabitants [?} themselves charmed with HRH and his manners certainly are due as to gain him great popularity

wherever he goes.

We left St Johns on the morning of the 26th During our stay there I lodged with Bishop Field as he offered me hospitality and Govt House was well filled with regular suite. The Bishop deemed to be kindly remembered to you After leaving the harbour we went to have a look in hoping at what they were doing at St Pierre: and Miquelon where it is said they are erecting batteries contrary to treaty but they were not to be seen from outside and we of course did not go into the anchorage. there is little doubt that the fortifications there are in existence and I believe they justify the measure by saying that they were erected just at the end of the [Russian?] War when hostilities were expected between England and the U States and that they had no other means of protecting themselves.

against the Privateers that would have been fitted out in the States if war had then been declared.

After [hoping] between the two islands we crossed over to Sydney anchored opposite the coal pits on the North side of the harbour had the Volunteers out about 120 in number visited some of the pits and sailed the same afternoon (the 26th) going between the Island of Scatarie and the main And getting to look at the ruins of Louisburg from the outside before dark. It was too late to go in but we saw as much from the outside as if we had gone in. We then had a quiet Sunday at sea and anchored here at Halifax at 9 am On Monday the 30th which was the day and hour agreed upon

We landed in great state at this docking and rode up in procession through all the Principal streets to Government house.

not have recognized that dirty
place Water Street. Fir trees on
each side of the whole way along
triumphal arches beautifully made
going 50 yards or so and I really
was astonished at the pretty effect
these fir trees and decorations of
every description made for the whole
distance. The same addresses &c
went on as at Newfoundland and
the governor gave a dinner to 50
people each of the 3 days the Prince
remained. The Ball at the Provincial
Buildings was beautifully got up and
arranged chiefly under the direction of
Andrew [?iacke] and Wm Cunard

The Prince left for Windsor yesterday
morning at 7 am had a public breakfast
then I embarked at Haus Port about
6 miles from Windsor at noon arriving
at St Thomas at 10 o'clock last night.
He made this passage on the Styx and
slept onboard last night. This we

of course have heard by telegraph

The volunteers here account upward of 600 and have Chearnley for their Colonel. They look so well as the English volunteers and have been very well drilled. They performed several maneuvers at a review that took place the day before yesterday there are more than 600 all together but only that number showed at the review.

You will be sorry to hear that Hon old Chief Justice Haliburton died 10 days ago and yesterday William Young was sworn in to that office It layed between him 7 w Johnson both very unworthy successors of the deceased who appear to have been much regretted altho for some time past he had been in a sort of second childhood.

I sail this afternoon for Pictou where the Prince joins me on Wednesday next. I take Lady

Mulgrave round as a passenger
and a daughter. They return from
Pictou here in the carriages that
convey the Prince to Pictou.

Every body I meet desires to be
warmly remembered to you and to
all the family.

The Admiral goes to P Edwards
Island to be there to receive HRH
on Thursday next and then he
goes straight to Quebec where he
will arrive before us as we have
to pick up the Gov General of Canada
at Gaspé and then take a trip up the
Saguenay but I have not yet quite
determined whether I shall take the
ship up that river or not.

Orelebar turns out to be of the greatest
use to me and I am very glad to
have him. He knows every inch of
the ground and is well acquainted
with the perplexing ways of the fogs
which render it much more easy to
deal with thick weather.

Your very affectionate son G Henry Seymour [signature]