

lature another Act for the amendment of that to which I refer. I can hardly doubt that such a proposal would, if made, be successful. In that hope Her Majesty's decision on No. 108 will be postponed."

(Copy.)

No. 103.

Downing Street.  
22d March, 1842.

Sir,

In my Despatch of this day's date, I transmitted to you two Orders passed by Her Majesty in Council on the 11th instant, confirming various Acts and Reserved Bills, passed by the Legislature of *Canada* during their recent Session.

Although Her Majesty's Government have consented to the confirmation of those Bills which related to the different Banking Establishments, they have not done so without some degree of hesitation; inasmuch as those Bills, and especially that for the incorporation of the *Niagara Bank*, contain provisions more particularly with respect to the issue of small notes under the value of £1, which are altogether at variance with the regulations laid down by Her Majesty's Government, for the observance in Legislative enactments relating to the Incorporation of Banking Companies in the Colonies. As it appears, however, that the subject of these Bills was fully considered, both by the late Governor General, Lord *Sydenham*, and by the Members of the respective Houses of the Legislature, and that Lord *Sydenham*, fully aware as he must have been of the Regulations in question, had nevertheless expressed his intention strongly to recommend the Bills for Her Majesty's allowance; and considering also that the refusal to confirm them might in the present state of the Province occasion considerable embarrassment, Her Majesty's Government have thought it more expedient that they should receive Her Majesty's assent; Her Majesty's Government have been more readily led to adopt this course, from observing, that in each of these proposed Acts, a power is reserved to the Colonial Legislature to make such regulation regarding the issue and circulation of Promissory Notes by these or other Banking Establishments, as may hereafter be found advisable; and it would be far more satisfactory, that the evils, likely to result from continuing such a paper circulation, should be prevented by the interposition of the Colonial Legislature, than by the abrupt rejection of Acts to which the sanction of the Legislature of *Canada*, and of the Governor General has been after full consideration, deliberately given.

I have, however, to call your attention to the importance which Her Majesty's Government attach to the early reduction of that small paper circulation, to which the Acts in question give encouragement; and I cannot but express a hope that the Canadian Legislature will, at an early period, revise this part of the system of Banking in the Province, and secure to the people of *Canada* the benefit of a metallic circulation which is incompatible with the circulation of paper of this description.

The Currency Bill has likewise received the Royal Assent, but I have to call your attention to a material error (possibly occurring in transcribing the Bill) in the weight assigned to the Gold Eagle of the United States, which in the present Bill is stated to be *eighteen pennyweights eighteen grains*, Troy.

It is not improbable that inconvenience may attend the circulation of the Penny and its proportionate parts in currency of the British Penny, half-penny and farthing, in conjunction with the British

Silver or Gold Coins, of which they constitute the ordinary fractional subdivisions; in that case, however, Her Majesty's Government would be willing to cause a special copper coinage to be prepared for the use of the Province.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed,)

Stanley.

The Right Honourable

Sir Charles Bagot, &amp;c. &amp;c.

C. T. Metcalfe.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Assembly, in reply to their Address of the 10th Instant, the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the disturbances upon the line of the *Beauharnois Canal*, during the last Summer, together with a statement of the Expenses consequent upon the quieting of the said disturbances, and also a statement of the Expenses of putting down the disturbances upon the *Lachine Canal* during the last Winter.

Disturbances  
Beauharnois  
Canal.

The expenses attending the Commission of Inquiry, relative to the disturbances on the line of the *Beauharnois Canal*, are not yet ascertained. But whenever their amount shall be determined, the Governor General will communicate a Statement of them to the House of Assembly.

Government House,  
Kingston, 16th October, 1843.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Message see Appendix T.)

The Honourable Mr. *Hincks*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Civil List.

A Memorandum containing some information respecting the Civil List, with suggestions for putting it on a more satisfactory footing, referred to in the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, of this day, relating to the said Civil List.

(For the said Memorandum see Appendix U.)

*Ordered*, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, on the subject of the Civil List, together with the Memorandum respecting the same, laid before the House, this day, be printed in each of the English and French Languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Ballwin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, reported to the House, that the Governor General, having been waited upon, pursuant to their Order of Friday last, humbly to know His Excellency's pleasure when He will be attended by this House with their congratulatory Addresses to the Queen and Prince *Albert*, on the birth of another Princess, and also the Addresses to His Excellency praying that He will transmit the said Addresses to Her Majesty's Government in *England*; had been pleased to appoint to be attended to-morrow, at two o'clock P.M.

Addresses to  
Her Majesty &  
Prince Albert.

*Ordered*, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until one o'clock, P.M., to-morrow.

A Bill to amend the Law relative to the Administration of Justice in *Lower Canada*, was, according to order, read a second time.

Administra-  
tion of Justice,  
Lower Canada.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Ordered*, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Lafontaine*, Mr. *Quesnel*, the Honourable