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RETURN to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the 17th October, 1843, praying that he would be graciously pleased to direct that the Correspondence which has passed between the Home and Provincial Government, respecting the Post Office Department in this Province, or of British North America, and also of the United States of America, relative thereto; or any other information upon the same subject which His Excellency may deem necessary and please to communicate, may be laid before the House; and also, Quarterly Statements, shewing the gross amount of Receipts and Expenditures of the said Department in this Province, from the 5th day of January, 1841, to the 5th day of January, 1843, the amount of Receipts derived from the Letter Postage, and also the amount of Newspaper and Pamphlet Postage, stated separately, with the amount of perquisites arising from the latter description of postage, during the same period, to the Deputy Post Master General of this Province, or to his deputies, separately stated; and also the amount of postage charged to and paid out of the Provincial Funds of this Province, stating the amount by each department, separately, during the same period; also, any information relative to the Commission of Post Office Enquiry, referred to from the Throne in the opening Speech of the First Session of the present Parliament; and further a statement of the Salaried Officers in the said Post Office Department of this Province, the amount thereof separately, and from what part of the funds thereof paid—whether from the aggregate of Letter or Newspaper and Pamphlet Postage, naming the Officers in each Office, and the amount actually paid to each, or any other allowance to each for Office Rent, Stationery or otherwise—and further, if any thing has been done to alter, augment or reduce the present Rate of Postage, and if so, what the nature of such alterations is, and the grounds or authority by which the same has been done.

By Command,

D. DALY,

*Secretary.*Secretary's Office,  
Montreal, 29th November, 1844.

(Copy.)

No. 12.

DOWNING STREET,  
24th September, 1839.

SIR,

With reference to Lord Glenelg's Despatch to Lord Durham, of the 20th October, 1838, No. 19, I transmit to you for your information and guidance, the enclosed copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Treasury, stating the result of an enquiry which, at the instance of the delegates from the Assembly of Nova Scotia, the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury had instituted into the management of the Post Office in that Province.

With reference to the offer made in the concluding paragraph of Mr. Pennington's letter, I beg to call your early and serious attention to the subject, and to express my hope that you will be enabled to remove the obstacles which have hitherto prevented the passing, by the respective Colonial Legislatures, of the Bill which was submitted to them by the Government for the future management of the Post Office Department throughout British North America.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed,) J. RUSSELL.

The Right Honble.

C. POULETT THOMPSON,  
&c. &c. &c.TREASURY CHAMBER,  
3rd September, 1839.

SIR,

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of the Marquis of Normanby, that my Lords have had under their consideration representations submitted to them by Messrs. Young and Huntington, on behalf of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, relating to the Post Office arrangements and revenues in that Colony; and have communicated with Her Majesty's Post Master General, as well as with Messrs. Young and Huntington, on the subject of those arrangements, and of the reasons which occasioned the rejection of the Provincial Act, respecting which they

observe a correspondence had taken place during the last year between the Secretary of State and the Post Master General. I am further to request you will state to the Marquis of Normanby, that it has appeared to my Lords that some misapprehension has occurred on the subject of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, as my Lords find that while sums are from time to time paid into the Military chest at Halifax for remittance to this country, as surplus accruing from the Post Office Revenue in the Province, annual votes have been granted by the Local Legislature for defraying the expenses of the Internal Post Office, communication. You will likewise state to the Marquis of Normanby, that my Lords, being anxious to meet the wishes of the House of Assembly so far as may be consistent with the important and indispensable object as regards the Post Office communications with the North American Provinces, of retaining in the hands of Her Majesty's Post Master General the direction and control of the whole of the Post Office arrangements, and observing that the sums paid over to the Military chest for remittance under the circumstances above adverted to, would seem not to be, in fact, derived from any real surplus of postage receipts above the expenses incurred by the Department for the Post Office communications of the Province. They are of opinion that so long as the revenue derived from the internal postage is sufficient to meet the expenditure for the internal communications, no demand for this object should be made upon the Provincial Funds, and, in conformity with these views, I am to request that you will suggest to Lord Normanby that the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia may be instructed to inform the Legislature that no vote will be required for maintaining the present lines of Post Office communication so long as the postage receipts shall continue, as they would now appear to be, adequate to meet the expenditure; but that should the Legislature deem it advisable that the lines of communication should be increased, my Lords will, in that case, rely upon provision being made by the House of Assembly for defraying any expense of such additional accommodation that may not be covered by increased postage. I am further to request you will apprise Lord Normanby that my Lords will be ready to place the Packet postage received in the North American Colonies at the disposal of the respective Local Governments, whenever they shall have the requisite authority under the provisions of the Act of 4 and 5 Will. IV, cap. 7, for this purpose; and that with this view my Lords will be prepared, in conjunction with Her Majesty's Post Master General, to reconsider the draft of a Bill which was forwarded to the Colonies in the year 1835, for the adoption of the Colonial Legislatures, in the hope that the objections which were considered to attach to the measure then pro-