

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

15th May 1860

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SIR,—I am in receipt of your favor informing me that you have been desired by His Excellency the Lt.-Governor, to request that I would distribute the one, ten, and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamps procured by me, and to take steps to procure a five cent Stamp for future distribution. You will inform His Excellency that I was authorized by Minutes of Council in Dec. last, to procure a one, five, ten and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamp, and that all these denominations are now in the office of this Department ready for distribution.

I have &c., &c..

(Signed,) CHARLES CONNELL.

THE HON. S. L. TILLEY.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, 17th May, 1860.

SIR,—I have laid before His Excellency the Lt.-Governor, your letter of the 15th inst., relative to the distribution of Postage Stamps, and I am directed to inform you that he has referred it for the consideration of his Council.

I have, &c., &c.

(Signed,) S. L. TILLEY.

THE HON. C. CONNELL, &c., &c.

I have felt it my duty to lay before Your Excellency this correspondence, together with the Minute of Council, and have no desire to make any comment thereon, as I think it will speak for itself.

I may remark, however, that I cannot discover by that correspondence, No. 1 to 8, that it was the intention to withdraw from me that support in the action I had taken in procuring the Postage Stamps as authorized by the Minute in Council referred to,—

My administration of the Post Office Department is before the public, and it is for them to say whether it is satisfactory or not.

I think I may state with certainty that the revenues of the Department will be reduced by the recent action of the Government, as I made arrangements for the delivery and sale of Postage Stamps at every Post Office and Way Office throughout the Province, on the 1st May. I do not intend that the legitimate authority belonging to the Chief of that Department shall be limited or circumscribed while I have the honor of being at its head.

After a very careful and deliberate review of the whole matter, under all the circumstances, I believe that my continuance in office would not be beneficial to the Department.

Holding the opinions that I have submitted to Your Excellency, I feel that I cannot, consistently with the duty I owe to my constituents and the public, continue longer to hold an office and position as one of Your Excellencies advisers in opposition to my views on public duty.—I therefore respectfully beg to submit to Your Excellency, my resignation of the office of Postmaster General, and as one of Your Excellency's advisers, and farther request Your Excellency's permission to publish and give my reasons for so doing, and the correspondence connected therewith.

I have, &c., &c., CHARLES CONNELL.

HIS EXC'Y THE HON. J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON, &c., &c.

(To be continued.)