

your deputy postmaster in this place. I first thought of laying his misdemeanors before His Excellency but upon second consideration conceive it to be your province to call him to account.

I bring nothing against him but what I can prove; and in the first place I have to say that there came letters from Government some weeks ago to Colonel Stewart, D. Montgomery, Esq., and myself, appointing us trustees of the Grammar School here. They received theirs in due time, but, although I sent one post day, and a second post day, and I am not sure but a third, the gentleman thought proper to detain this letter on public business till at length it was sent to me in a round about way.

Secondly I have to complain that after waiting a reasonable time for the post to be opened my son is sent for the paper and he is told that he has not time to give it to him until the post is sent off again: this at times may be attended with loss and Inconvenience and I conceive it not justifiable.

Thirdly, I have to state that as myself with two other persons, Messrs Hyndman and Kelly are appointed to manage some public business relating to the Prince Town wharf and were anxious to receive a letter from Government that we expected, as well as some printed Hand Bills, I sent my son a quarter of an hour after the arrival of the post, when Mr. Postmaster was pleased to say there was nothing in the office for me, and to please his whims thinks proper to keep this letter and papers on Public Business until the evening of the following day, when it pleased his fancy to send or take them to one of the other gentlemen concerned, but not until he had opened the package of Hand Bills and without any authority pasted up as many as he thought proper of them where he pleased, which Bills, as well as the letter, I should here observe bore my name first upon them, making his refusal of them to me still the more unjustifiable. If such private insults and public wrongs are suffered to be practised by a person in his situation and done intentionally to gratify a revengeful disposition we must certainly say the public are trampled upon indeed.

Leaving the matter with you at present.

I remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

THOMAS MACNUTT.

To Mr. Richd. Chapple, Post Master, Charlotteown.

P. S. I beg leave to refer you to Messrs. Hyndman & Kelly for the truth of my last assertion.—T. MCN.