

Dalhousie in 1823, he had continued to retain in his hands balances of public money, and to what amount.

My lords also request to be informed, whether the restrictions imposed by the minute of this Board above referred to are at the present time strictly enforced.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. STEWART.

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COPY of a Despatch from Secretary Sir George Murray to Lieutenant General Sir James Kempt.

SIR,

Downing Street, London, 16th Feb. 1829.

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I BEG leave to refer your Excellency to that part of my despatch, No. 1., of the 29th September last, explanatory of the arrangements which I had considered it expedient to make with the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the payment into the custody of commissary-general in Lower Canada, of any balances of public monies which might from time to time remain in the hands of the receiver-general and sheriffs of the province. Since the date of that despatch it has been thought advisable to modify in some degree the arrangement which had been therein contemplated, their Lordships having been apprehensive that some inconvenience might arise from the negotiation of Treasury bills which might be issued from the military chest on account of monies so deposited therein. The plan which their lordships have suggested, and which you will find more particularly described in the enclosed letter from Mr. Stewart, appears to me to be well calculated to meet the object intended; and as you will, in conformity with the instructions contained in my despatch above referred to, be prepared to propose to the legislature of Lower Canada the enactment of a law to bind the receiver-general and sheriffs to render accounts of their receipts at short intervals, it is only necessary for me to put you in possession of the contents of the Treasury letter, in order that you may be enabled to carry the projected enactment into effect with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. MURRAY.

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, 12th January 1829.

I HAVE laid before Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your letter of the 24th of October last, relative to the necessity of establishing some effectual security for the due application of the public money in the hands of the civil accountants in the province of Lower Canada, and I am commanded to acquaint you, for the information of Secretary Sir George Murray, that there will be no objection to allowing the officer in charge of the commissariat in Canada to receive from any of the public officers there such sums of public money as may from time to time be specified in any warrant of the Governor for the time being, and to re-issue those sums, under similar authority, in such amounts and to such persons as may be therein directed; and that if bills should be required by the revenue officers for remittance of public money to England, they may be purchased from the commissariat department at the current rate of exchange, and under the usual regulations; and I am directed further to acquaint you, that on receiving a communication on the subject, my lords will give such directions to the commissary-general as may be necessary for carrying this arrangement into effect.

I am, &c.

R. W. Hay, Esq.
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(Signed) J. STEWART.