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[*Duty on British Manufactures.*]

London, 27th June, 1833.

SIR,

Among the subjects that we are directed by the House of Assembly of New Brunswick to bring under the notice of His Majesty's Government, is that part of the Royal Instructions relating to the imposition of Duties on Goods of British Manufacture.

During the last Session of the Legislature, the House of Assembly had it in contemplation, for the mere purposes of Revenue, to impose a small *ad valorem* Duty on Goods of British Manufacture imported into the Province, but on reference to the Royal Instructions which accompanied the first Constitution of the Province, doubts were suggested as to the construction which they might bear on this subject.

The House of Assembly conceive that the only object of the Royal Instruction in this particular, was the protection of the Trade and Manufactures of the Mother Country, and not with any view to prevent the imposition by the Colonial Legislature of reasonable Duties on Articles of British Manufacture, for the mere purpose of local Revenue, operating only as a Tax on the Consumer, and having no object or influence in favor of foreign, rival, or even domestic Manufactures. They are confirmed in this view of the subject by a reference to the Revenue Acts of Canada and Nova Scotia, which contain imposts of the nature now alluded to, and which have always received the sanction of Government.

If the view taken by the Assembly of New Brunswick should be confirmed by His Majesty's Government, We have to urge that the same may be expressed to the local Executive Government, in order that the different branches of the Legislature may be relieved from any doubts or embarrassment, in regard to the Royal Instructions on this subject.

And are, &c.

(Signed)

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EDWARD B. CHANDLER.To the Right Honorable E. G. STANLEY,
&c. &c. &c.

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[*King's College.*]

16 Norfolk-street, Strand, June 1833.

SIR,

We the undersigned beg leave to state that we are instructed by the House of Assembly of New Brunswick to bring under the consider of His Majesty the present state of King's College at Fredericton, and to urge that such alterations may be made in the Charter as will make this Institution more generally useful, and in accordance with the wishes of the people.

The principle cause of the present unpopularity of this College, is the partial nature