

from England, and beg leave to request that the said License may be delivered to Mr. Bradshaw, the Manager of this Bank at Quebec, who has been instructed to pay the fees due thereon.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), THOS. G. RIDOUT,

Cashier.

The Honourable PIERRE J. O. CHAUVEAU, Secretary of the Province, Quebec.

No. 52.

BANK OF UPPER CANADA,

TORONTO, 6 November, 1856.

SIR,

The Letter of License issued by Government on the 12th October, 1853, permitting this Bank to import from England Copper Tokens to the amount of Five thousand pounds sterling having been acted upon to that extent, I am directed again, to apply on behalf of this Bank for another License from His Excellency the Governor-General to import from England a further supply of Copper Coins or Tokens of the same stamp and fineness of the former pence and halfpence, but under date of the year 1857, to the extent of Ten thousand pounds sterling.

The Bank is induced to make this application in consequence of the great scarcity of small copper change which has for some time past existed throughout the Province, and which, it is hoped, may be in some degree alleviated by an early importation in January or February next.

The copper from which the Bank Tokens are made has hitherto been assayed at the Royal Mint and has proved to be the same purity as the British penny pieces and $\frac{7}{8}$ ths its value, and the same course will be pursued under the License now applied for.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), THOS. G. RIDOUT,

Cashier.

The Honourable The SECRETARY OF THE PROVINCE, Toronto.

No. 53.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, dated 8 November, 1856, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the same day.

On the application of Thomas G. Ridout, Esquire, Cashier Bank of Upper Canada, dated 6th inst., stating that the Letter of License issued by Government on the 12th October, 1853, permitting that Bank to import from England Copper Tokens to the amount of Five thousand pounds sterling, having been acted upon to that extent, he is directed again to apply on behalf of the Bank for another License to import from England a further supply of Copper Coins or Tokens of the same stamp and fineness of the former pence and halfpence, but under date of the year 1857, to the extent of Ten thousand pounds sterling.

The Committee are respectfully of opinion that the permission authorized by the Act 4 and 5 Vict., ch. 17, be given to the Bank of Upper Canada to