

Department, the Lords of the Admiralty, and the Board of Ordnance, expressing the strong opinion of this Board, and inquiring whether any public inconvenience is considered by the several Departments as likely to result from an adherence to Regulations which, in the judgment of My Lords, are as no less in accordance with constitutional principles, than calculated in a most important degree to advance the Public Service.

LETTER from *John Barrow*, Esquire, to The Honourable *J. Stewart*,  
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

Admiralty Office, 17th June 1831.

I HAVE laid before My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your Letter of the 14th instant, with the accompanying Extract from a Report of the Select Committee of The House of Commons appointed to consider the Water Communication in Canada; and I have their Lordships' commands to acquaint you, that they entirely concur in the propriety of the whole of the Regulations suggested by the Committee for a more early and effectual control over Expenditure for all kinds of Public Works, and their Lordships have in fact anticipated the greater part of them: their Lordships will, however, give directions to the subordinate Boards implicitly to adhere to these Regulations, so far as they are concerned.

I am, &c. &c.

(signed) *John Barrow*.

LETTER from *R. W. Hay*, Esquire, to The Honourable *J. Stewart*,  
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

Downing-street, 29th June 1831.

I HAVE laid before Viscount Goderich your Letter of the 16th instant, transmitting for his Lordship's opinion, by command of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the Copy of their Lordships' Minute of the 10th instant, founded on a Report of a Select Committee of The House of Commons, proposing certain Resolutions for giving to Parliament a more early and effectual control over Expenditure on Public Works, and stating that their Lordships are desirous of carrying them invariably into effect, as being no less in accordance with constitutional principles, than calculated in a most important degree to advance the Public Service; and I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners, that Lord Goderich concurs in their Lordships' opinion, and he is not aware that any public inconvenience is likely to result from an adherence to these Regulations in future.

I am, &c. &c.

(signed) *R. W. Hay*.

LETTER from *R. Byham*, Esquire, to The Honourable *J. Stewart*,  
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

Office of Ordnance, 5th July 1831.

REFERRING to your Letter of the 14th ult., transmitting an Extract from a Report of the Select Committee of The House of Commons, appointed to consider the Water Communication in Canada, and desiring to receive the Opinion of the Master General and Board of Ordnance upon the Resolutions therein proposed, with the view of giving to Parliament a more early and effectual control over Expenditure of the description mentioned therein;—

I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that the Master General and Board are not aware of any objection to the adoption of the Resolutions referred to; but, with regard