

(No. 4.)

Government House, Halifax, April 27, 1841.

MY LORD,—In reference to your Despatch, No. 16, dated 17th November, 1840, transmitting a copy of a Letter from the Post Master General to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, submitting a tender made by Mr. Cunard, for the establishment of Mail Coaches for the conveyance of the Post Office Letter Bags between Halifax and Pictou, and desiring that I will inform you what assistance may be expected from the funds of Nova Scotia towards defraying the expense this measure will entail; I beg to state that the House of Assembly, taking into consideration the statement made in the letter of the Post Master General, that the sum total demanded by Mr. Cunard for carrying into effect the new arrangement between Halifax and Pictou is £1,550 Sterling per annum, has passed a Resolution, a copy of which I inclose, authorizing the application of the sum of £550 Sterling to that particular service, and expressing a willingness to continue such an arrangement for a period of eight years.

The remaining £1,000 Sterling ought in the opinion of the House of Assembly to be defrayed either from the funds of the Canadian Post Office or by the General Post Office in London, it being contended that the Canadian Post Office receives the benefit of the postage that accrues from the transport of the very heavy Mails which are forwarded from hence to Pictou, the destination of which is invariably Canada.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Lord John Russell, &c. &c. &c.
