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COPY of a LETTER from B. Hawes, Esq., to R. S. Atcheson, Esq.

Downing-street, 5 April 1847.

No. 2. R. S. Atchesen, Esq., 5 April 1847.

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I AM directed by Earl Grey to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the B. llawes, Esq., to 20th ultimo, with its several enclosures, on the subject of the Usury Laws in force in Canada, and the obstacle which they present to the influx of capital into the Province; and I am to acquaint you, that his Lordship will forward your representation on this subject to the Governor of Canada, with instructions to him to consult his Executive Council as to the propriety of proposing to the Legislature of the Province a repeal of the laws in question. His Lordship will further express to the Governor his own opinion in favour of the repeal of those laws.

> I have, &c. (signed) B. Hawes.