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Having felt this and other matters for some time past, and at the same time feeling reluctant to take a step that I saw pressing on me, I delayed action, but the recent act of my colleagues in the Government, has brought matters to a crisis, the want of that support on their part on a subject which I believed I was authorized in the action I had taken, as will appear by the following minutes of Council (Dec. 1858) and correspondence:—

“Postmaster General to obtain new Postage Stamps in one, five, ten, and twelve and a half cents.”

No. 1.—Telegraphic Despatch.

The Hon. Charles Connell, Woodstock,—

Just received notice from the Governor that new decimal Stamp cannot be issued until approved by Governor in Council—Have seen Hale—Telegraph him. He can put all right.

(Signed,)

S. L. TILLEY.

Fredericton, 27th April, 1860.

No. 2.—Telegraphic Despatch.

The Hon. S. L. Tilley,—

If that is required you can procure the order, as any delay now will make trouble all over the country, as instructions have gone out and all stamps called in.

(Signed,)

CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 28th April 1860.

No. 3.—Telegraphic Despatch.

Hon. Charles Connell, Woodstock,

Cannot get order before Wednesday. Only Attorney-General here. Hale can arrange so as not to cause confusion of instructions.

(Signed,)

S. L. TILLEY.

No. 4.—Telegraphic Despatch.

JAMES HALE, ESQ., FREDERICTON,—

See Mr. Tilley. I -+ issue of stamps be stayed till Wednesday, next.

(Signed,)

CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.

No. 5.—Telegraphic Despatch.

THE HON. S. L. TILLEY, FREDERICTON,—

Have telegraphed Hale to see you,—defer to issue until Wednesday I may not be able to leave for St. John before this day week. Telegraph me as soon as order is made. Thought order was made at time I was authorized to procure new stamps.

(Signed,)

CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.