

It is within my knowledge that the inconveniences which the Chief Justice states himself to be enduring are by no means exaggerated, and that he, as well as other Public Officers in this Colony, is in a very painful and distressing situation in consequence of his official income being impaired.

Your Lordship is well aware that the Local Government has not applied to the Provincial Legislature for the payment of the arrears due to the Public Servants in Nova Scotia, only in consequence of the unsettled state of the negotiation between the Imperial Government and the Mining Association, and the pendency of the litigation touching the annexation of Cape Breton.

Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 238, date 18th July, 1845, received by the last Mail, acquaints me that a definitive arrangement has at length been come to with the Association, and I trust that the question regarding Cape Breton will be determined sufficiently early to admit of my apprising the Provincial Legislature at its next meeting of the precise terms upon which Her Majesty is willing to surrender the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown in the Colony.

I am aware from the very explicit nature of your Lordship's Despatches on this head, that you conceive that the Public Officers of Nova Scotia, whose salaries have hitherto been defrayed from the Queen's Revenues, ought in the event of such a deficiency as has now occurred, to look to the House of Assembly, and to it alone, for the payment of the sums due to them.

The Public Officers, on the contrary, think that as Her Majesty's Government held the control and distribution of these Revenues, and entered without the consent of the Assembly into positive engagements with themselves, by which salaries were insured to them irrespective of the productiveness of the Queen's Revenues, they are entitled to look to Her Majesty's Government to fulfil bargains thus made, leaving that Government to require from the Assembly the performance of the public obligations incurred for the benefit of the Colony.

In obedience to Your Lordship's instructions no effort shall be wanting on my part, or on that of my confidential advisers, to induce the House of Assembly to do justice to the public functionaries—it is however very possible, indeed, I am sorry to say, probable, that all our endeavours in this respect will prove abortive, in which case unless your Lordship should see reason to modify your views, the condition of those who will suffer from the conflict of opinion between yourself and the Assembly will be indeed lamentable.

I need scarcely add, that it will afford me great pleasure, if Her Majesty's Government by granting the prayer of the Chief Justice's Memorial, shall relieve him from his present difficulties.

I have, &c. &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

LORD STANLEY, &c., &c.

APPENDIX No. 14.

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No. 318.

Government House, Halifax, 17th May, 1845.

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to acquaint you, that shortly after the close of the last Session of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, I became apprised that Mr. Wallace, the Provincial Treasurer, had suffered himself to be surcharged at the end of last year with the sum of £984 2, which he had at various times previously charged in the Public Accounts as payments made by him for interest on the Funded Debt.

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