

this charge, and frequently give it as a reason for withdrawing their subscription. Should the charge be taken off the effect would be to reduce the price of subscription four and five shillings per annum—a material inducement to new Subscribers to come forward. When I first established the *Albion* Newspaper at *New York*, I know that our *Canada* Subscribers complained heavily of the postage: many refused to pay it, and withdrew their subscriptions. To shew that this charge is made solely by the Provincial Post-Office, I may state that Mr. *Sutherland*, in the case of the *Albion*, compromised his claim at two shillings and six pence per number instead of four shillings. The present Deputy Post-master General, I understand, claims the full amount. I know a Gentleman in *Quebec*, who subscribed to two papers, one of which he wished to send by post to his friends in the country; finding they did not receive it, he enquired at the Post-Office, where he found several numbers detained in default of the payment of the postage by the sender, previous to the paper leaving *Quebec*. The consequence was, the Gentleman withdrew his subscription from one of the Newspapers in question. It is well known that the papers in *England* go free. It is usual to address them nominally to a Peer or Member of Parliament, thus:—

<p>To Sir F. Burdett, Bart. M. P. Revd. J_____ F_____ Salisbury Wilts.</p>
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I may add for the information of the Committee, that two years ago, I addressed a Memorial to the Duke of *Manchester*, then Post-master General, on the subject, and asking a special exemption from postage in *Lower Canada*, on the ground of publishing Proclamations, &c. The answer was, His Grace “ was sorry it was not in his