

Mr. Connell's design for the 5c., and he was instructed by the Council to destroy them, and order a new lot with the effigy of the Queen. This Mr. Connell would not do, and therefore resigned. The 5c. brown were destroyed, and only the other three values issued.

After Mr. Connell's resignation, he wrote a letter to the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, the Lieut.-Governor of the province, giving his reasons for resigning his office. He, however, says that he did not resign on account of the stamp affair, but because he could not agree with the Government expenditure of public moneys, and because he said that his colleagues did not have confidence enough in him to back him up on a small matter—that is the issuing of the 5c. brown. Through the kindness of a friend I have been enabled to see the complete official correspondence, etc., between Connell, the Governor and Council, in reference to this business, and am giving them here. Several of the letters contain a large amount of matter irrelevant to the subject in question, and dealing only with the political reasons of Mr. Connell's resignation, and these parts not being interesting to the philatelic reader are left out.

The correspondence starts with the letter of the Council to the Lieut.-Governor after they had had the designs submitted to them.

(Copy No. 1.)

Memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee.

To His Excellency the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lieut.-Gov. etc. etc.

We advise your Excellency to approve of, and order to be distributed, the 1c., 10c. and 12½c. postage stamps procured by the Postmaster-General, and we further advise Your Excellency to order a five cent postage stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the 5 cent stamp already procured by the Postmaster-General.

(Signed,)

S. L. TILLEY,
A. T. SMITH.
W. H. STEEVES.
P. MITCHELL.
CHARLES WATTERS.
DAVID WARK.

Approved May 12, 1860.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

Copy No. 2.)

Letter from Mr. C. Connell to the Lieut.-Governor.

SIR.—Various circumstances having occurred with reference to the administration of the Government of this Province during the short time that I have had the honor of being one of Your Excellency's advisers, induce me to address Your Excellency. * * * *