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place in the timber duties which may prove injurious to the commerce of the country. The signers are chiefly engaged in the timber trade.

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Enclosed. Petitions of the inhabitants of Bathurst district, praying that no alteration may be made in the scale of duties on timber and deals.

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April 6,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No. 15). Sends address from the Assembly praying that the duties on timber cut on the waste lands of the Crown may not be demanded in the depressed state of the timber trade. Represents that the duties amount to £4,000 per annum and that if the duty be remitted on Crown land timber the sales of that cut on private property would be less profitable.

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Enclosed. Address.

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April 9,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No. 16). Forwards memorial respecting the inconvenience from the want of a copper coinage. If this is not introduced by Government to the extent of £50,000 annually a circulating medium, as mentioned by Leslie, will be introduced.

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Enclosed. Memorial of Leslie & Sons. Owing to the want of small coin they have imported tokens as a convenience to their own business, but the expectation of Government authorizing such a coinage has prevented them from increasing the number of these tokens, which could have been done at a profit. Ask to be informed whether a copper coinage will probably be issued soon and to regard favourably the efforts of memorialists to remedy the inconvenience.

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April 11,
York.

Colborne to Hay. In his letter of 30th March stated that the Royal Grammar school opened in January, 1829, instead of 1830, that the salary of the vice president was fixed at £450 instead of £400, and the teacher of the preparatory school was a Methodist. Finds that he has left that body and become a member of the Established Church.

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April 12,
York.

The same to Goderich (No. 17). Sends bills passed last session and one reserved, with Attorney General's objections.

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Enclosed. Attorney General to Mudge. The inconvenience arising from the want of a ready method of obtaining the partition of lands held in joint tenancy, but the provisions of the present bill are so imperfect that he cannot advise that it be assented to. Reasons for his objections.

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April 17,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No. 18). Forwards petition from Lanark settlers praying for release from the debt due to government, the lands on which they were first settled being of bad quality, which they were obliged to leave. Understands that the land was of a very bad description and the settlers had certainly to contend with great difficulties which few settlers had to encounter in other townships.

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Enclosed. Petition.

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April 26,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No. 19). The duty on the tobacco for Indian presents amounts to £2,627.16.10. Suggests that the duty be taken off and that in future no tobacco be sent, but that the commissary general be authorised to purchase in Upper Canada.

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Enclosed. Foote to Routh. Colborne has inquired as to the place of purchase and cost of tobacco for the Indians.

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Account of the cost of tobacco.

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Statement of the duty on tobacco.

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April 27,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No. 20). Sends memorial from inhabitants of Niagara respecting the sum awarded to the sufferers by the late war. It is not probable that the legislature will be able for two or three years to provide for the payment of the portion the province has been called on to defray.

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