

which, as long as it does not infringe upon constitutional, chartered and granted, rights, all here are willing and desirous of acknowledging

The principal objection to the second proposal, namely to establish a concurrent provincial post-office, is, that it would be a kind of race run between two establishments for extent of custom, which, however well it might suit a speculative individual or company, might be considered, as an unbecoming feature in a provincial government. If, however, the utility of it can be maintained, I do not consider that objection as very forcible; and one great good would be derived from it, inasmuch as it would try, and set at rest, in an indirect manner indeed, but yet indisputably, the right I claim in behalf of the provincial legislature to repeal or vary any acts that may not be applicable to the state of the country as before said. For the act of 9 Ann. enacting that no *body politic* or corporate, &c. shall carry letters, &c. excepting the general post office, or, in other words, giving the exclusive right of conveying letters for hire through the whole of the British dominions to the general post-office, the establishment of such a provincial post, would, if not opposed at home, (for in this country, if it once passes into a law, there exists no power that can oppose it,) establish the right I contend for, *sub silentio*; and if opposed, it would place the matter fairly at issue, whilst, (always supposing the law to have been regularly passed by the three branches of the legislature,) the plan would be in operation here; its benefits would become perceptible, and its effects in counteracting the abuses that now prevail in the post-office department, as well as in raising a revenue applicable to local purposes of improvement, would form the most forcible arguments with which to combat the objections made to it at home; arguments which would have the more weight from being practical instead of theoretical.

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