

On the 1st, 2nd and 4th of these heads, Mr. *Stayner*, the Deputy Post Master General of British *North America*, declined giving any information, as well as on the general management of the Post Office concerns.

The total of gross receipts of the Post Office in *Canada* and *Nova Scotia* in 1825 and 1826, however, appears by a Return laid before Parliament, and hereunto annexed, to have been :

	In 1825.	In 1826.
	Sterling.	Sterling.
<i>Canadas</i>	£17,223 9 3	£18,829 2 5.
<i>Nova Scotia,</i>	4,341 18 3½	4,751 10 1½.

Mr. *Stayner* asserts that one half or three-fourths of the amounts, is military postage.

The Civil Government pays about £1600 per annum for postage.

With respect to the cost of transmitting the Mails, Your Committee have only been able to ascertain the amount between *Quebec* and *Montreal*, which is stated at £1300 per annum.

It appears that Mr. *Stayner* declined the offer of *Michel Gauvin* at *Quebec*, with sufficient securities, for the Contract from March 1829 to April 1833, although offered at eight pence seven eighths, which would have made a difference in favor of the Post Office on the existing contract, from April 1829 to April 1833, of about £600 for the whole period.—Your Committee have, however, reason to believe that Mr. *Stayner* was considered by the Post-Master General in *England*, as not having exceeded his discretion, upon the matter being brought before him by the person who offered to contract at the rate of eight pence seven-eighths.

With respect to the sufficiency or insufficiency of the communication by post in the different Districts of the Province, Your Committee refer to the evidence of Mr. *Stayner* on that subject: Although that communication is evidently improving, and the Deputy Post-Master General expresses his willingness to increase it,