

1s. 8d. some twenty years ago, and it is now 5s.; but upon what authority this encrease has been made, the public have never been informed ; and there is nothing to prevent the present head of the Department adding to the already heavy demand.

*Louis Lagueux*, Esquire, a Member of the House, called in; and examined:—

Can you inform the Committee if any Tender was made in 1829, to the Deputy-Post-master-General for the transport of the Mails between *Quebec* and *Montreal*?—Yes; in consequence of a public advertizement by Mr. *Stayner*, Deputy Post-master General, *Michel Gauvin*, Livery Stable-keeper, of *Quebec*, made a Tender, dated, 16th January, 1829, to carry the Mail between *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

What was the rate at which the Tender was made?—The price asked was eight pence seven-eighths, per league.

Was the security offered for the performance of the contract good and sufficient?—The said *Michel Gauvin* offered two Securities for the fulfilment of the contract, viz: *Louis Massue*, Esquire, Merchant, and *Louis Juchereau Duchesnay*, Esquire, Deputy Adjutant General of Militia, both of *Quebec*, and possessed of large property.

Mr. *Thomas Cary*, of *Quebec*, examined:

Can you state what sum of money is paid by the Publishers of Newspapers and Periodicals in this Province, to the Post-Office, for the transmission of their papers and phamplets?—For Newspapers issued twice a week, five shillings, and for weekly papers, four shillings per annum for each Subscriber, are paid to the Post Office. For pamphlets, one penny per sheet, or four pence per ounce is paid for conveyance by Post. The total sum paid to the Post-Office, in one year for Newspapers printed in *Lower-Canada*, may be about