

*Endorsed.*

Memo.—A copy of the Order-in-Council within has been furnished from the Colonial Office to the Governor-General's Secretary, with a view to the necessary despatch being written. Col. Brown says that the matter will be at once attended to.

E. A. MEREDITH.

November 16, '51.

No. 44.

BANK OF UPPER CANADA,

TORONTO, 31 March, 1853.

SIR,

In consequence of various delays made at the Royal Mint in London in the coinage of the £5,000 of Copper Tokens authorized to be imported by this Bank under authority of His Excellency the Governor-General's License of the 4 November, 1851, we have only up to the present time received £1,500 of that amount, the reason alleged being the great pressure on the mint for the gold and silver coinage of the Kingdom, until at length the Master of the Mint informed our agents, Mess. Glyn & Co., that he was unable to execute the order. Under these circumstances the Bank directed other parties to be employed to complete the coinage—and Mess. Glyn & Co. having applied to the Lords of the Treasury for leave to withdraw the Dies and metal from the mint received in reply a letter from Sir C. C. Trevelyan, dated 9 inst., a copy of which is herein enclosed—granting such leave, but at the same time intimating that as the License of the Governor-General of Canada expired on the 4 November, 1852, the coinage cannot be proceeded in until a fresh License shall be obtained. I have, therefore, most respectfully to request that the License of the 4 of November, 1851, be extended to the 4 day of November, 1853, within which time, I hope, that the balance authorized may be coined and imported into this Province.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), THOS. G. RIDOUT,

Cashier.

No. 45.

Copy of a Letter from Sir C. C. Trevelyan, relative to License for Copper Coinage.

TREASURY CHAMBERS,

9 March, 1853.

GENTLEMEN,

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you in reply to your letter of the 25 ult., that their Lordships see no objection to the token coins required for the Bank of Upper Canada, which, from the existing pressure upon the Royal Mint cannot be struck in that Establishment, being executed by other parties, and that my Lords will be prepared to authorize the Master of the Mint to deliver to you, or your agents, the several Dies bearing the impress of the Canadian tokens on condition of their restoration to the Mint when the coinage is completed, so as to secure the parties to whom they may be intrusted from the penalties, for having in possession Dies for coining without lawful authority under the Act 2 Will<sup>am</sup> 4, Cap. 34, Sec. 10.