

and halfpennies for circulation—the said Coins to have the same relative value to the Imperial penny and halfpenny, as those imported by this Bank in 1833, in accordance with permission then granted by the Provincial Government under the provisions of the Ordinance of the Special Council 2 Vict., Cap. 5.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your Most Obed. Serv.,

(Signed), NOAH FREER,

Cashier.

The HON. JAMES LESLIE, Provincial Secretary.

No. 27.

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Noah Freer, Esq., Cashier Quebec Bank, Quebec.

12 March, 1851.

SIR,

With reference to your application, on behalf of the Quebec Bank, for permission for this Bank to import from England in the course of the present year the sum of two thousand pounds sterling in pennies and halfpennies for circulation, I have it in command from the Governor-General to state for the information for the President and Directors of the Quebec Bank, that the Bank of Upper Canada obtained permission lately to make a similar importation to the amount of five thousand pounds, which His Excellency considers equal to the wants of the circulation for some time to come. Should this view, however, not be supported by experience, His Excellency will readily, on proper representations be made, reconsider the application of the Quebec Bank.

From information received, I am enabled to add that the copper coins above referred to have actually arrived in the United States, and are daily expected here.

I have, etc.,

J. L.

No. 28.

QUEBEC BANK,

21 March, 1851.

The Hon. Jas. Leslie.

SIR,

I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 12 inst. and, having laid the same before the President and Directors of the Bank, I am instructed to acquaint you that the inconvenience experienced in this portion of the Province from the scarcity of Copper Coins, is not likely to be removed by the permission granted to the Bank of Upper Canada to import to the amount of £5,000, the whole of which it is probable will be required to meet the wants in Canada West.

Under these circumstances our Board request you will be pleased to bring the matter again to the notice of the Governor-General and solicit His Excellency to reconsider the application of the Bank. And in support of the urgency of the Case, I am desired to enclose for His Lordship's information the appeal which was made to this Institution for relief, by sundry Mer-