

possible that were I to make to the Provincial Parliament the proposition I submitted last year to Your Lordship, the Imperial Government undertaking to liquidate all arrears, the measure might pass, although I must candidly confess that I am by no means so sanguine on the subject as I then was, for I fear the favorable moment has gone by, as the Revenue has since been reduced by the amount of the Royalty formerly paid by the Mining Association.

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*Downing-Street, 4th September, 1843.*

MY LORD,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two Despatches of the 3rd and 18th ult, Nos. 179, and 180, respecting the increasing deficiency in the Casual and Territorial Revenue of the Crown in Nova Scotia. I regret to find that this Revenue continues so much below the charges of the Public Service which are placed upon it; but I see no reason, from anything which Your Lordship has stated in those Despatches, to change the views expressed on this subject in my private letters dated 31st July, and 22d August, nor can I consent to apply to Parliament to pay the arrears due on account of the public service of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

I have, &c. &c.

(Signed) STANLEY.

TO VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

*Extract of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, date April 26th, 1844, No. 255.*

"I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the Bill which has passed the Assembly of Nova-Scotia, granting to Her Majesty a permanent Civil List in exchange for the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown in the Province, accompanied by a Schedule shewing the different propositions that have from time to time been made, with a view of effecting this object, and the reductions which, by the above Bill, take place in the Salaries of the present as well as future public Officers, as also the Salaries left contingent on annual votes.

"That by this measure a very great hardship is inflicted on all the present holders of office cannot be denied; but as Your Lordship feels it impossible to apply to Parliament on their behalf, and the fund on which their Salaries are charged is totally inadequate to defray those Salaries, they must, it appears to me, either be paid by the Provincial Legislature at the rate at which that Legislature deems it right to pay them, or not be remunerated at all beyond the degree in which the Casual Revenue admits of. This, however, is a question for Your Lordship's consideration, in connection with the acceptance or rejection of the offer of the Assembly.

"With reference to the provision made for future Officers, although moderate, yet, considering the state of the Public Revenue, and the present value of money in the Colony, I do not think that it is to be complained of as inadequate, except in the cases of the future Lieutenant-Governor and the Provincial Secretary.

"With regard to the first of these functionaries, it will, in my opinion, be totally impossible for him, exercise what economy he may, to live on his salary of £2500 in the manner in which his position requires.

"I have already in my Despatch, No. 123, date 2nd Decr. 1842, pointed out to your Lordship the reasons for this, and I therefore need not now enter into any further detail on the subject, but it has occurred to me that, should you deem it right for the sake of having the question settled, to advise Her Majesty to accept the proposition of the Assembly, the difficulty in regard to the Queen's Representative may be in a great degree obviated by the appointment of a Military Officer of rank

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