

partment was not to be so *screwing* in trifles, but by *means of some well-digested plan*, was to permit letters, bearing the Canadian post mark, and addressed to persons at home, either receiving the parish relief, or known therein to be paupers, to be delivered *free*, it would prove highly advantageous to the cause of Emigration, and fully make up, by the vast public good it would do, for the insignificant loss to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Treasury. As things are, these poor creatures, cut off from their kindred and companions of their youth, and God knows, scantily enough supplied with any other enjoyments, are deterred from indulging in the luxury of keeping remembrances alive by letters, from the apprehension of distressing, or being distressed; for it must be held in recollection that those at home, who even *send* letters here, must pay the *inland postage* in Great Britain, and doing which may pinch the belly of the poor man sharply, or deprive a whole family of a meal, although beneath the consideration of the rich one. Some means might surely be adopted to guard against much abuse of such an act of grace and favor on the part of the Government, and which would tend to conciliate the good will of the people so materially. For instance—let none such have a claim for the drawback of postage, who will not shew the contents at the office which delivers it; or dispatches it, if outward-bound.

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NOTE 11.—*Lower Canada*.—Having seen so little of this province, I cannot take upon myself to pass any thing like such decided opinions on it, as those I have given free scope to respecting the sister one. What I did see, on passing up the *St. Lawrence*, pleased me greatly. I of course am often in the way of hearing comparisons made, and which generally amount to this: that from the soil and climate being so much more favourable thereto, *Upper Canada* is the best field for *agriculture*; but for proximity to market and for commerce, *Lower Canada* has rather more advantages, and is better situated. The greatest drawback on the lower province is the great length of the winter; for, by all accounts, it is a very beautiful country, *full of capabilities*, with a very excellent soil too, and very healthy and conducive to longevity.

Report here says, that the new Company, formed for the settlement of Lands in *Lower Canada*, is now certainly to go into operation, and this is one proof of the good resulting from the appointment of such a man as *Mr. Stanley* to the