

then the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, having previously seen Mr. Glyn, and settled the terms of an arrangement with that gentleman, the intervention of Messrs. Barings was not required, and steps were taken by the banking firm of which Mr. Glyn is a member, for the payment of the interest on the provincial debentures.

Upon the union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, the greatest anxiety was manifested, and every care taken by the provincial administration, that the debt incurred by the Province for public works should be provided for and secured, before any portion of the public revenue was pledged and applied towards the further debt of 1,500,000 *l.*, which was created at the union, for the completion and extension of those works; and in the manifestation of that anxiety, I have no hesitation in saying, that the provincial government did no more than represent and carry into effect the unanimous public feeling of the Province.

T. A. Harper, Esq.  
and Peter Buchanan, Esq.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *John W. Dunn,*  
Late Receiver-General of Upper  
and United Canada.

(No. 3.)

Gentlemen,

London, 12 April 1847.

WITH reference to your application respecting the allegation in the memorial lately presented to Lord John Russell on Irish colonization, "that the former Province of Upper Canada was once in default with its public creditor." We readily bear testimony to the fact, that all dividends on the debts of that Province have been punctually paid, and to the good faith with which that Province has invariably met its engagements.

Nothing has ever occurred to induce us to doubt the integrity and good faith of the people of Canada; their disposition, or the sufficiency of their means to maintain the value of their public and private securities. Our confidence in them is consequently undiminished.

Messrs. T. A. Harper and  
Peter Buchanan.

We are, &c.  
(signed) *Glyn, Hallifax & Co.*  
*Baring, Brothers & Co.*

Enclosure 2, in Lord Grey's Despatch.

COPY of a Letter from *B. Hawes*, Esq., to Messrs. *T. A. Harper* and  
*P. Buchanan*, Esqrs.

Gentlemen,

Downing-street, 19 April 1847.

I AM directed by Earl Grey to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., in which you call his Lordship's attention to several statements contained in the Memorial lately presented to Lord J. Russell on the subject of a scheme of colonization for the relief of Ireland, and especially to the allegation, "that the former Province of Upper Canada was once in default with its public creditor." and I am to inform you, that it has given his Lordship much concern to read the passages in question, as they are certainly calculated to raise impressions unfavourable to the good faith and solvency of the people and Legislature of Canada. Lord Grey directs me to thank you for calling his attention to these passages, which, had they not escaped his notice, he would have felt it his duty to have contradicted at once.

His Lordship, however, now avails himself of the opportunity you have afforded him of stating that he can, from the sources of knowledge at his own command, confirm your assertion, that there is no incident in the history of the United Province, or either of the Provinces when separate, which would justify the charge, that any default had ever occurred in the payment of any debt due to any person in respect of any money lent on the public faith of either of the Canadian Provinces. On the contrary, he believes that faith has been invariably kept by the Canadian Legislatures with all such public creditors with the most scrupulous exactness.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *B. Hawes.*