

I have received this intelligence with concern; but as there can be no question respecting the propriety of the removal of Mr. Wallace, I leave it to yourself to make such arrangements as you shall think best for supplying his place.

I concur with you in considering that it would be an improvement to introduce into Nova-Scotia the system in operation in Canada, of excluding from the House of Assembly, and the Executive Council, all persons engaged in the *direct collection* of public money. I should, therefore, entirely approve of the enactment of a Law by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, extending the same system to that Province, and fixing permanently the amount of the salaries of the offices of Treasurer and Collector of Excise.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

(COPY.)

No. 242.

*Downing Street, 2nd August, 1845.*

MY LORD,—

Having had occasion to reconsider Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 318, of the 17th May, and my answer of the 18th June, on the subject of the defalcation of the Treasurer of the Province, I have further to intimate to Your Lordship that, although I place the most undoubted reliance on your judgment in the selection of a successor to Mr. Wallace, in the office from which it has been necessary to remove him, I am of opinion that the public service would be essentially benefitted by nominating to that situation some gentleman totally unconnected with the Legislature.

It may be possible that circumstances may prevent you from making your selection, except from one or other of the two Houses of the Legislature; but, in such case, Your Lordship will require from the proposed incumbent a pledge that, on resigning his seat, he should not again enter either House, unless with the express sanction of Her Majesty's Government.

Your Lordship will consider this Instruction as conclusive on the subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor, the VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

No. 352.

*Government House, Halifax, 15th November, 1845.*

MY LORD,—

I am happy to have it in my power to acquaint you, that after having exercised the most careful discrimination in the selection of a successor to Mr. Charles Wentworth Wallace, the ex Treasurer of Nova-Scotia, I have appointed (provisionally) to that office Mr. Samuel P. Fairbanks, at present one of the Representatives of Queen's County in the Provincial Parliament, a practising Barrister of reputation at the Bar of Nova-Scotia, on whom I lately conferred the office of Queen's Counsel.

In obedience to Your Lordship's Instructions contained in your Despatch, No. 242, date 2nd August, Mr. Fairbanks relinquishes his seat in Parliament, and as a matter of course, quits the legal profession; and I herewith transmit a copy of the correspondence which took place on my offering him the post of Treasurer.

Should Her Majesty think proper to confirm Mr. Fairbanks' appointment, I would request that the Warrant, under the Sign Manuel, requiring that a Commission