

Assembly, nor are these provided for by the application of the public credit to these indispensable works, but they constitute a direct charge on the annual Revenue and a burthen upon the people for opening and improving a Country of which but a small portion has hitherto been reclaimed.

If a portion of this Revenue were to be specially appropriated to defray the interest of funds to be raised for the execution of reproductive works, negociable securities might be issued for this object and applied in aid of local appropriations. By the settlement of the Country, the Revenue would be progressively augmented and the charge might be ultimately liquidated without imposing an undue burthen on the people.

The present Appropriations must be regarded as of a nature of capital invested in improvements, the amount of which is inadequate to the object, while the charges imposed on a Revenue which can only be improved by augmenting the resources of the Province through the influx of settlers.

(Signed)

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

Extract from a Report of the Commissioners of Customs, Dated 13th January, 1842.

We report that in the month of December last we received a representation from the Collector of this Revenue at Saint John New Brunswick, stating that he had been requested by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, to place himself in communication with the Provincial Treasurer for the purpose of framing a Report for His Excellency's consideration as to the practicability of consolidating the establishments at present employed in the collection of the Imperial and Provincial Duties of Customs, and requesting to be furnished with our instructions for his government.

That upon the subject being brought under our notice by the Collector of Saint John, and previously to the receipt of Your Lordships annexed order of reference, we had directed the Collector to lose no time upon the receipt of our order in complying with the requisition of the Lieutenant Governor, and furnishing His Excellency with any information which he might desire upon the subject, transmitting to us copies of his correspondence with the Colonial Government for our information:

(Signed)

R. B. DEAN,
C. C. SMITH,
H. RICHMOND,
S. E. SPRING RICE.

Custom House, 13th January, 1842.
