

Moreover, if you took the oath, required by the next section of that act, to be taken by all persons employed in the post-office, *not to open, detain, or delay, any letters or packages.* you are forsworn in having done so with regard to mine.

It seems, however, that, notwithstanding all the idiotic blustering that was made about the business, you found out from 4 Geo. III. c. 24 s. 7, that the only penalty upon sending letters in that way, was *that the full letter-postage should be charged upon the packet*; a penalty that obviously operates both as a punishment and a preventative, without impeding the necessary freedom and expedition of correspondence by post. I was going to blame you for your inattention in suffering those packets to go thro' your hands unexamined, and not charging the full postage on them; but it would come rather ungraciously from me, who have not only thereby profited a few shillings, but have been afforded the means of giving the Canada post-office department another severe dressing. May you profit by it, and as I do not mean to prosecute you or Mr. Sutherland, I will conclude with the scriptural exhortation "Go and sin no more."

I am Sir, your obed't serv't,

S. H. WILCOCKE.

P. S. I have heard a little bird sing, Mr. Williams, that Mr. Thomas A. Turner, who has made himself busy in the matter, and both prompted and instigated you on the occasion, has an eye to being post-master himself, in addition to his other trades, if he can get you dismissed. Don't be over anxious, therefore in future, to take his advice.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS. The communications of PENCIL, from Sorel, A SUBSCRIBER (in French) from Berthier, and those from St. Johns and Chambly, will all be more or less availed of. PLATO in next number; and probably also, AQUAFORTIS, tho' the last bites rather sharp. No FICTION will partly be admitted, but there are reasons for not *carrying it out*. B. is thanked for his information, the BLACK LIST of borrowers of the Scribbler is put off, for want of room. HIPPOCRATES, and others, reserved for the Domestic Intelligencer. The letter relative to a lady in St. Laurent-Street, should have had a key, *and the postage should have been paid*. HUGOLINUS will appear, also SAM TINKER, and AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT. SOL. SNEER's budget has been received, some will do, and some not; this gentleman is very unequal in his productions, and I suspect writes too often in a hurry. A FRIEND TO THE PARTIES is under consideration. JOHN GOOSEQUILL can not appear.