

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Honorable Mr. Simonds, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered the following Messages :—

**"New Brunswick.**

*"Message to the House of Assembly, 3d February, 1845.*

"W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, *Lieut. Governor.*

"The Lieutenant Governor communicates to the House, the copies of two Despatches which he has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of a claim for the repayment of the cost of certain articles supplied for the use of the Customs Officers at Saint Andrews, and of a sum advanced by the British Consul at Boston to distressed Seamen belonging to the Halcyon, of Saint John.

"W. M. G. C."

The Documents accompanying this Message being read at the Clerk's Table, are as follow :—

**CUSTOMS OFFICERS, SAINT ANDREWS.**

ARTICLES FURNISHED FOR.

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[No. 268.]

*Downing Street, 29th September, 1844.*

SIR,—I enclose herewith the copy of a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, on the subject of a claim against the Revenues of New Brunswick, for repayment of the cost of certain articles supplied for the use of the Customs Officers at Saint Andrews, and as it appears from the enclosures to that letter, that there are no funds at your disposal which could be applied to the liquidation of this debt, I have to instruct you to propose to the Provincial Legislature the propriety of making a grant for the purpose, unless you are aware of any valid objection to that course being taken, which has not been brought under the notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury by their Lordships Officers in New Brunswick.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieut. Governor Sir Wm. Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

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*Treasury Chambers, 24th September, 1844.*

SIR,—I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to transmit herewith copy of a Report of the Commissioners of Customs, dated 12th instant, and of its enclosures, respecting the difficulty of obtaining from the Provincial Legislature of New Brunswick, repayment of the cost of certain articles supplied for the Collector of Customs at Saint Andrews; and I am to request that you will observe to Lord Stanley, that as the Weights, &c. were required for the purpose of collecting the Revenue of the Colony, it is reasonable that the expense should be borne by the Colony, and my Lords therefore request Lord Stanley will give instructions to the Lieutenant Governor to submit to the local Legislature the propriety of making a Grant for the purpose.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. E. TREVELYAN.

J. Stephen, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

*To the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.*

We beg to represent to Your Lordships, that on the 7th July, 1843, the Collector of this Revenue at St. Andrews, New Brunswick, reported to us the necessity of the Officers at that Port, and at the Out-Stations of St. Stephens, Magaguadavic, and Campo Bello, being supplied with certain Weights, Scales, and Gauging Instruments, for the purpose of collecting the Duties payable on Goods imported in New Brunswick, under the Act 5 and 6 Vict. c. 49. The articles in question were sent from this Country at an expense of £71 2 10; and as the Duties collected under the above mentioned Act are applied exclusively to the uses of the Colony, except the sum of £4250 per annum, granted by the Colonial Legislature for payment of the salaries of the Officers of this Revenue, we directed the Collector of St. Andrews to apply to the Provincial Treasurer for repayment of the cost of the articles, in order that the amount might be replaced to the Customs Revenue of this Country; but the Provincial Treasurer in reply, has transmitted to the Collector of St. Andrews a copy of a Letter from the Colonial Secretary, stating that the Colonial Government has no funds to meet such a demand, and that application must be made to the Provincial Legislature. Under these circumstances, and adverting to the directions contained in Your Lordships Minute of the 1st December, 1843, we beg to transmit copies of the Correspondence which has taken place upon the subject, in order that the same may be brought under the consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a view to an application for the amount being made to the Legislature of New Brunswick, or such other steps taken as Your Lordship may see fit to direct. We beg to add, that formerly the proceeds of the

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