

Publishers of Newspapers and Periodicals in this Province, to the Post-Office, for the transmission of their papers and pamphlets?—I have no opportunity of knowing the precise amount which is annually paid by Publishers of Newspapers and Periodicals to the Deputy-Post-Master General, for their transmission by Mail through the Provinces over which he exercises his authority, but a charge is made against each of 5s. per annum for every semi-weekly, and 4s. for each weekly paper, put into the Post-Office, and transmitted either for 5 miles or 5,000. For pamphlets or other printed papers, the charge is 1d. per sheet. The amount thus levied upon the Proprietors and Printers of Newspapers is very considerable. My father, who is the proprietor of the *Montreal Gazette*, pays £50 per annum, and I have been informed that the proprietor of the *Minerve* pays a similar sum, the *Herald* and *New Gazette* (two papers,) £75, the *Courant* £40, and the *Vindicator* £40, making a total of £255 from the papers of *Montreal* alone. In *Quebec* there are published three journals, the *Quebec Gazette*, *Neilson's Gazette*, and *Mercury*, and one more is proposed. There is also one Paper at *Three-Rivers*. From all these a similar demand is made. There are now about 25 to 30 newspapers in *Upper-Canada* of more or less circulation, whose proprietors are all obliged to pay at the same rate to Mr. *Stayner*, the present head of the Department. Upon what authority this charge is made, I cannot learn. I have carefully looked over the Imperial Statutes which relate to the Post-Office, and in them there is nothing to warrant it; and all the demands and requests which my Father has made to Mr. *Stayner*, for the Law under which he made the charge have been fruitless. Despairing of obtaining it by amicable correspondence, he has at length instituted an action against Mr. *Stayner*, for damages sustained by his refusal to transmit the papers put into the Post-Office, and addressed to the subscribers. My father, deeming the demand illegal and unwarranted by any Law, either Provincial or Imperial, refused in January 1830, to grant the note for the postage of the ensuing