

£6,000 he proceeds to state that the following sums correspond pretty nearly with the proportionate amount of postage business transacted within the Provinces :

Lower Canada,	-	-	-	-	-	£2,000
Upper Canada,	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Nova Scotia,	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
New Brunswick,	-	-	-	-	-	600
Prince Edward's Island,	-	-	-	-	-	200

Total, £6,000

" Conformably with the foregoing report, £600 is proposed as the extent to which the Officer administering the Government may issue Warrants on account of the Post Office in New Brunswick.

" It is contemplated to attach the privilege of Franking to Seats in the Council and Assembly, in imitation of the right enjoyed by the Members of the two Houses of Parliament in this Country. I hope that this provision will be deemed just in principle and conducive to that distinction which it must be desirable to confer on individuals who form part of the Legislature of the Country.

" In carrying into effect the amendments in the old Law of 5 Geo. 3, cap. 25, His Majesty's Government would have preferred after having passed the necessary Imperial Statute, to have left the subsidiary Provincial enactments to the discretion of the different Legislatures. But it was felt that the efficiency of the measure depended almost entirely on an uniformity of Legislation in the several Provinces, and this could only be accomplished by preparing in this Country a draft of the Bill which the Imperial Act would render necessary. The only objection to this course has been that it might be construed into an interference with the deliberations of the Provincial Legislatures, which it is desirable to leave on all occasions free and unshackled. I should hope however that in a question of this nature, there is no reason to fear such an objection.

" I think it will be desirable that you should endeavour to impress on the Assembly the necessity of their abstaining as much as possible from amendments destructive of the uniformity of the Bill. There are some clauses, nevertheless, which are left wholly for the decision of the Colonial Legislatures. I allude to the punishments to be inflicted under the Act. His Majesty's Government have felt great delicacy in offering any suggestion on these points; and it is perhaps the most satisfactory course to leave them to the consideration of the Assemblies themselves, who will, I doubt not, devote to the subject that mature deliberation which its importance demands.

" It is of course necessary that all the Acts passed by the several Legislatures on the present subject should take effect from the same day. The first of January 1836 is named in the accompanying draft in order to secure ample time for the due consideration of the Acts.

" I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

T. SPRING RICE.

" Major General Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart. G. C. B.  
&c. &c. &c."