

Pending the question relative to the change of Currency, the Committee cannot recommend that the permission requested be granted.

Certified,

(Signed), W. H. LEE,

To the Honorable the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, etc., etc., etc.

No. 40.

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QUEBEC, 6 Oct., 1852.

*C. Gethings, Esq., Cashier Quebec Bank, Quebec.*

Sir,

The Governor-General had under consideration in Council your letter of the 22 ult., enclosing an account of the expenses incurred in manufacturing and importing into Quebec, copper coins to the value of £2,000, as authorized by M. Sec. Morin's letter to M. Freer of the 21 of November last, and stating that owing to some misunderstanding the amount imported was £2,000 currency instead of sterling as authorized, and requesting an extension of the period allowed, to enable the Bank to import the balance next season, together with an additional amount of £1,000 sterling. I am to inform you in reply that pending the question relative to the change of currency, His Excellency is not advised to grant the permission which you solicit.

I have, etc.,

E. P.

No. 41.

*The Honorable A. N. Morin, Secretary of Canada, Quebec.*

OFFICE OF THE BANK OF UPPER CANADA,

QUEBEC, 3 November, 1851.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer you to the letter of License granted to this Bank by His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, on the 23 of February, 1850, for the issue of £5,000 Stg. in Copper Tokens—as authorized by the Act 4 and 5 Vic., Cap. 17—and beg leave to inform you, that in the course of the present year the whole of that amount has been imported from the Royal Mint in London and has been put into circulation in this Province. I have further the honour to inform you, that this supply has not been found sufficient for the wants of the country, there still existing a great scarcity of Copper Coins in most parts of the Province. Under these circumstances, I am directed by the Board humbly to solicit another Letter of License to import and issue the like sum of Five thousand pounds sterling in Copper Bank Tokens—of one penny and one halfpenny each, according to the restrictions and conditions of the said Act, and that the same may be in force for one year.

It is intended, that should the above request be granted, the Bank will apply for leave to have the coinage executed at the Royal Mint in London, from the same dies as before, and I most respectfully request that the same may be recommended and allowed.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), THOS. G. RIDOUT,

Cashier.