

*Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 1st May, 1844.*

SIR,—

The attention of the Lieutenant-Governor having been most specially drawn by the House of Assembly to the mode in which the Public Accounts are kept, I am commanded by His Excellency to desire that on this day you will count and ascertain the actual sum of money in the chest of the Provincial Treasury, and that commencing with that sum, you will, on 1st June, and monthly thereafter, until you shall be authorised by His Excellency's written instructions to cease to do so, transmit to this office, for the examination of His Excellency and a Committee of the Executive Council, a transcript of your Cash Account, showing the actual cash payments out of, and the actual cash receipts into the Provincial Treasury during the foregoing month, with the dates of the payments and receipts, and the specific authority and service under and for which the same are paid and received, and the actual amount of Cash in the Chest, which you will check by counting. In this manner your accounts and monies will be the better prepared for an inspection and examination, whenever His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor shall direct such examination to take place.

His Excellency having had also under his consideration the manner in which the monies collected at the Excise Office in this Port have been paid into the Treasury, I am further to acquaint you, that His Excellency has given directions that such monies shall be paid into the Treasury at least as often as once a week, and that no greater sum than £200 shall be permitted to remain in the Excise Chest at any one time.

I am also directed to state, that in as much as the Province is paying interest to the Bank of British North America, it is very desirable that if at any time any surplus monies, amounting in the whole to £500 at the least, should be in the Treasury, not instantly required for the public service, you will pay the same into the Bank to be from time to time withdrawn from, and repaid into the Bank as may be most advantageous to the Public Interest. I am also directed to state that in regard to monies to be paid into the Treasury by other Public Accountants, until the money is actually received by you, it is not to be entered into your account or considered as a payment, discharging such Public Accountant.

I have, &c., &c.

(Signed)

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

CHARLES W. WALLACE, Provincial Treasurer.

Form of Certificate to be appended by the Treasurer to transcripts from his Cash Accounts required to be made monthly for the Lieutenant-Governor's information:

I certify that this is a true transcript from my Cash Account of my receipts and payments during the preceding month ending      day of      that I have this day ascertained the balance shewn hereby to be in my possession to be correct, and in the Provincial Chest in money, and further, that the services for which, and the Warrant by virtue of which I have paid the same monies, are severally, truly, above set against the said payments.

Dated this      day of      1845.

(Copy.)

No. 230.

*Downing Street, 18th June, 1845.*

MY LORD,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 318, of the 17th May, reporting the defalcation and suspension of Mr. Wallace, the Treasurer of Nova-Scotia.