

Mr. TUPPER asked why the Postmaster-General had refused to allow anyone except the postmaster to sell postage stamps in the town of Amherst.

Mr. HUNTINGTON said he had heard this question for the first time.

Mr. TUPPER said he had personally spoken to the Postmaster-General on the subject.

Mr. HUNTINGTON said he had no desire to withhold from any one the privilege of selling stamps, but he must consult the officers of the Department.

Mr. TUPPER said an answer had been given the application of the people refusing the grant.

Mr. HUNTINGTON said he had no recollection of the reply being sent, and many letters were sent from his Department which he did not write or consider.

Mr. JONES (South Leeds) said he had received some very curt answers from the Department.

Mr. HUNTINGTON said if any officer had sent the hon. gentleman a reply which was curt or improper, he would be dealt with if the letter was produced.

In answer to Mr. McKAY (Colchester),

Mr. HUNTINGTON said there was no change in the position in connection with the Truro post-office since he had last communicated with the hon. gentleman.

Mr. MITCHELL said he again wished to call attention to the necessity of establishing way offices at Alwicks, in the east end of his county, and in the Parish of Ludlow, in the west end of his county. In the former instance, the people had to go four miles to get their letters; and this could be done without extra expense, as the mail passes these places already. A post-office should also be placed at a settlement near Main River. This would be a great convenience, and would be attended with some expense. A building was purchased at Chatham, in which a custom-house and post-office were to have been established.

The late Government had, unfortunately, gone out of power at the time, and this matter had been used to attack him about. Whether they had paid too much for this building or not, this change should be made. The custom-house was now kept in a building belonging to Mr. Snowball, who had opposed him at the last general election. The other building had been fitted up for the last four years, and should be occupied. The post-office in Chatham was now kept in a little bit of a shanty of the meanest kind; and it was a matter of very grave remark why the other building was kept vacant, for in his knowledge, it was properly fitted up, and was a very fine building. Politics had a great deal to do with these proceedings.

Mr. HUNTINGTON said that last year, his attention was called to the state of things which existed in this regard in Chatham. His officers had reported on it and he undertook to see the post-office removed, but for reasons which he need not explain, objection was taken and they were waiting the final decision. If there were no obstructions, he dare say that it would be removed.

Mr. MITCHELL: I did not say there were no obstructions, there are such and they are political, but none other that I know of.

Mr. HUNTINGTON: I know nothing about them.

Mr. ROCHESTER said he had received a letter from a person in South Wellington who complained that no answer had been sent to a petition sent to the Postmaster-General some time in December last, with the object of having a branch office opened in the village of Hillsboro'. Many abuses in connection with this office were complained of. It was said that the Postmaster was 88 years of age, and not fit to keep it; and that a great deal of inconvenience was suffered from not having a branch office at the other end of the village.

Mr. HUNTINGTON said that the inspectors in the west were all intelligent; and they reported to the Department that they would not advise any change in this office. It was not