

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO LOWER CANADA.

	£.	s.	d.
On the other side of the Account it appears that there is at present in the vault, under three locks, and in the custody of the Receiver General - - - - -	87,025	-	-
To be shortly paid in by the several Collectors of Customs, on closing their accounts to the 5th instant - - - - -	33,190	-	-
Outstanding on Bonds, payable by the 1st of May next - - - - -	21,777	-	-
Payable by the British American Land Company in March next - - - - -	6,000	-	-
From other sources - - - - -	1,000	-	-
Sterling - £.	148,992	-	-

From this Statement your Lordship will perceive that on the 1st of May next there will be a balance in the Public Treasury, after payment of all demands on it up to that date, of the sum of £. 6,831. 5. 8. sterling.

While on this subject, I enclose for your Lordship's information a comparative Statement of the Provincial Revenue for the two last years, showing the Decrease and Increase in the several items of which it is composed, and I regret to find that the gross Revenue of 1836 is less than that of 1835 by £. 24,052, currency; the respective amounts being £. 205,910. 19. and £. 181,858 currency.

The principal Decrease last year, as your Lordship will observe, occurs under the head of Importations from the West Indies, upon which the diminution is £. 43,472. This arises chiefly from the quantity of spirits distilled in the two Canadas, which being mixed with West India Rum, in the proportion of about one-third of the latter, is now generally consumed by the inhabitants, instead of the genuine Rum hitherto used. From the greater cheapness of the home manufacture, which is untaxed, it is to be expected that the importation of spirits from the West Indies will continue annually to decrease, until it reaches the minimum quantity required to flavour the produce of the native distilleries.

The only head exhibiting any increase worth noticing, is that of Dry Goods, chiefly imported from England, on which the amount of Duty received in 1835 was £. 33,721, and in 1836, £. 45,195, currency; showing an excess in favour of the latter year of £. 11,475, currency.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your most obedient Servant,

Gosford.