

*Extract of Despatch from the Right Honourable Lord STANLEY, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Right Honourable Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart., G.C.B., Governor General, dated 27th March, 1844.*

Secret Societies.

"Her Majesty's assent will not be given to the Bill for the discouragement of Secret Societies. The Queen cannot be advised to concur in an enactment placing any class of Her Majesty's Subjects beyond the protection of the Law, and depriving them, without a previous conviction for crime, of the privileges to which all British Subjects have a common title. You have, as I understand, adopted every necessary measure to restrain demonstrations calculated to disturb the public peace: and, much as I regret the existence of the Societies against which this Bill is aimed, it appears to me more safe, more just, and more constitutional, to rely on the Executive Government for the prevention of their possible excesses, and on their leaders' good sense and loyalty acting on the advice, which I am sure you will tender to them, in a friendly spirit, for their ultimate dissolution, than to encounter the evil by Legislation, affording a too ready precedent of severity and violence for imitation in future times and on other occasions."

C. T. METCALFE.

Civil List.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly, in reply to their Address of the 5th instant, the accompanying parts of Correspondence that has passed between Her Majesty's Secretary of State and the Provincial Government, relating to the Civil List.

The Governor General informs the House of Assembly that there are no Reports of Council upon that subject.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

#### SCHEDULE.

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| Sir C. BAGOT, to Lord STANLEY. | { No. 129. 7th June, 1842. With Statement of charges on the Civil List for the year 1841.                                   |
| Sir C. METCALFE, to do.        | { No. 145. 11th December, 1844. With Address from the House of Assembly to the Queen, on the Civil List.                    |
| Lord STANLEY to Sir C. BAGOT.  | { (Extract.) 4th April, 1842. Requiring to be furnished with a Statement of the charges on the Civil List.                  |
| Do. to Sir C. METCALFE.        | { (Extract.) 1st February, 1844. Conveying the Queen's Answer to the Address of the Legislative Assembly on the Civil List. |

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No. 129.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Kingston, 7th June, 1842.

MY LORD,

In obedience to the instruction contained in the concluding paragraph of Your Lordship's Despatch, of the 4th April last, No 116, I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship herewith, a Statement of the charges on the Civil List, for the year 1841. Your Lordship will observe that the salaries of the Civil Officers are put down at their annual amount, but the Contingencies are the sums actually paid for the period between the 10th February, the day of the Union, and the close of the year.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) CHARLES BAGOT.

The Right Honourable  
Lord STANLEY, &c.

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No. 145.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Kingston, 11th December, 1843.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to submit an Address from the Legislative Assembly of Canada to Her Majesty, relating to the Civil List.

The immediate departure of the Packet prevents my adding such remarks on the subject of this Address, as it will be my duty to submit to you as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

The Right Honourable  
Lord STANLEY, &c.

*Extract of Despatch from the Right Hon. Lord STANLEY, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Right Hon. Sir CHARLES BAGOT, G. C. B., &c., &c., &c.*

dated, DOWNING STREET,  
4th April, 1842.

"Having now answered all the questions to which your Despatch has given rise; it remains only that I should request you to furnish me, with as little delay as possible, with a Statement of the present fixed charges upon the Civil List, within which it is absolutely necessary that you should bring the whole expense of these Departments of your Government which are charged upon it; and it will also be desirable that you should send me an account of the Contingencies, which, on your accession to office, you found chargeable on the same fund, and pressing unduly on your resources for the current year."

*Extract of Despatch from the Right Hon. Lord STANLEY, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Right Hon. Sir CHARLES METCALFE, Bart., G. C. B., &c., &c.*

dated, DOWNING STREET,  
1st February, 1844.

"I have received and laid before the Queen, your Despatch of the 11th December, and the Address to Her Majesty therein enclosed, from the Legislative Assembly of Canada, on the subject of the Civil List. The Queen has been pleased to receive that Address very graciously, and has commanded me to acquaint you in reply, that Her Majesty learns with regret that any portion of the enactment by which a free Constitution was restored to a part of Her Dominions, should appear to the Legislative Assembly of the United Province of Canada, to furnish matter of reasonable complaint. Her Majesty is well assured that the only objects sought by Her Parliament in making, by that enactment, provision for a Civil List, were to give stability and security to the great Civil Institutions of the Province; to provide for the adequate remuneration of able and efficient Officers in the various Public Departments; and to enable Her Majesty to make moderate provision for the declining years of those whose best days had been devoted to a faithful discharge of public duties, or who, by eminent services, might have merited the favour of the Crown. Her Majesty is fully persuaded of the concurrence of Her faithful subjects in Canada in effecting these objects. Her Majesty would gladly owe the means of attaining them to the spontaneous liberality of Her Canadian people; and whenever due and adequate provision shall have been made for them by the Legislature of Canada, Her Majesty will be prepared to recommend to Parliament the Repeal of so much of the Act of Union as relates to this subject. Until Parliament shall have assented to such a recommendation, Her Majesty, equally with all Her subjects, is bound by the provisions of an enactment to which Her sanction has been given."