

Declaration, and see that no delay takes place in his entering upon the duties of his office to which he is appointed; and I have further to desire, that all vacancies and appointments may be reported to me immediately after their occurrence.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. HOWE, D. P. M. G.  
The Post Master, St. John New Brunswick.

(Copy.)

General Post Office, 17th August, 1842.

SIR,—I am directed by the Postmaster General to state, that after a careful perusal of the Report of the Commissioners of Enquiry into the Post Offices of British North America, His Lordship has come to the conclusion, that the period is now arrived at which it will be expedient to place in the hands of the Officers administering the Government of Her Majesty's Provinces in that quarter, under certain limitations, the patronage hitherto exercised by yourself as Deputy Post Masters General under His Lordship's authority, in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, and that having communicated with the Lords of the Treasury on the subject, their Lordship's have concurred in the arrangement.

It is accordingly to be understood for the future, that all first appointments excepting the situations of Deputy Post Master General's Accountant, and Surveyors, and Surveyor's Clerks, should it be found necessary to appoint them, the privilege of nominating to which, will still be retained by the Post Master General, will be vested in the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of the Province, but that the promotions will still be made by you, subject however to the confirmation of the Post Master General, to whom each case must be reported as it occurs.

With reference to the term "first appointments" it must be understood that under this head are classed the appointments of Clerks upon their first entrance into the service, all Post Masters and Way Office Keepers, as well as those of all Conductors, Guards, Messengers, Porters, Letter Carriers, Stampers and Office Keepers, those of the Deputy Post Master General, Accountant and Surveyors and their Clerks, if appointed hereafter, to which I have above alluded, being the only exceptions; Couriers, too, who are paid by fixed salaries where the service is not put up to public competition, (as Mail Contracts, and Riding Work Contracts, are in this country) are to be regarded in the same light.

The regulations to be observed with respect to promotion are founded upon the same principle as those in use in this country, which are as follows:—

Each Department must be considered as a separate establishment, whether it be the Office of the Deputy Post Master General, that of the Accountant, or of the chief, or other Post Offices in the Province; a Clerk therefore in your own office should not be removed into the Accountants office if a vacancy occurred there, but the vacancy in the office of the Accountant should remain at the disposal of the Governor, the appointment to be filled up being that of the junior, the other officers being promoted by you if properly qualified for the situation. If those next in succession are not properly qualified, the Deputy Post Master General for the time being will be required to give into the Governor or Lieutenant Governor the names of two or three other parties in other Departments who are properly qualified, when the vacancy will of necessity take place in that office from which the individual qualified has been promoted.

It must also be clearly understood that the Deputy Post Master General will not hereafter be entitled to promote a Post Master from an inferior to a superior Post Mastership. When a vacancy occurs therefore in a Post Mastership at any particular place, the Governor or Lieutenant Governor as the case may be, will appoint a new Post Master at that place where the particular vacancy has arisen; and should a person already acting as a Post Master whether in the same or another Province be appointed to the vacant office, the vacancy occasioned by such a proceeding will be filled up by the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of the Province in which the vacancy occasioned by the recent appointment may exist.

As Clerks form a distinct class, if a vacancy arises amongst them, application must be made to the Governor for another Clerk as a successor, as the vacancy must not be filled up by the Deputy Postmaster General from the Stampers or Letter Carriers; Stampers and Letter Carriers will be considered as forming a separate class, the Deputy Post Master General therefore may promote Letter Carriers to the situations of Stampers; in such cases the vacancy to be filled up by the Provincial Authorities, will be the situations of Letter Carriers.

To protect the Department as far as possible against the appointment of incompetent persons, a certificate must be given by the head of the office at the expiration of three months that the individual nominated is qualified to fill his situation; the term, however, may be extended to six months at the pleasure of the then Deputy Post Master General.

A Bond must also be required upon the appointment of every person whatever may be the situations, the amount of which, however, will be fixed by the Post Master General in England, who will consult the Governor of the Province as to the sum which may be most consistent with the customs and feeling of the country.

To enable you to carry out these regulations, I herewith enclose

copies of the Forms used in this Department. Form No. 1, to be filled up by the various Post Masters throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the situations of the Clerks, Conductors, Messengers, Stampers, Letter Carriers, Couriers, Guards, &c. connected with their office, and which so far as the Province of Nova Scotia is concerned, must be transmitted by them to you immediately the situations falls vacant.

Form No. 2, being a report of the vacancies of Clerks, Letter Carriers, Runners, &c. as well in your own Department as throughout Nova Scotia, which must be filled up by you weekly, and forwarded to the Governor.

Form No. 3, being a report of the vacancies of all Postmaster-ships and Receiverships throughout Nova Scotia, to be dealt with in the same manner as the proceeding form.

As the patronage of New Brunswick and of Prince Edward Island will be exercised by the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of those Provinces, you will transmit a copy of these Instructions and Forms of Return to the Post Master of Saint John, who is understood to have the chief arrangement of the Department in New Brunswick, under your authority, and also to the Post Master of Charlotte Town in Prince Edward Island, ordering them to send in these Returns direct to the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of those Provinces; and you will desire the Post Masters of these Provinces to report to the Post Masters of Saint John and of Charlotte Town, respectively, from time to time as they arise, any vacancies occurring in their own Colonies, in order that no delay may take place, owing to the distance at which they are situated from Halifax.

I am Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

(Signed)  
J. Howe, Esquire.

W. L. MABERLY.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

THE Honourable THOMAS BAILLIE is re-appointed to the Office of Surveyor General.

By order of the Lieutenant Governor.

WM. F. ODELL.

Secretary's Office, October 24, 1842.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

VARIOUS Petitions having been presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by parties desirous to purchase Lands, from which it appears that the Petitioners have misunderstood the Law, and the terms upon which the Land can be procured, —The attention of Applicants is hereby called to the subjoined Clause of the Civil List Act, by which they will observe that all Grants of Land, unless made upon sale at *Public Auction to the highest Bidder*, shall be null and void.

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor.

WM. F. ODELL.

Secretary's Office, 28th October, 1842.

"V. And be it enacted, That all and every Grant, Lease or other assurance which, during the continuance of this Act, shall be made or granted by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, of any Lands, Tenements, Rents, Woods, Mines, Royalties, Revenues, or other hereditaments within this Province, now belonging or hereafter to belong to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, whereby any estate or interest whatsoever in Law or equity shall or may pass from His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, save and except as hereinafter provided, shall be utterly void and of none effect unless such Grant, Lease or assurance be made upon sale or rent to the highest Bidder at Public Auction in this Province, due notice having been first given thereof in the Royal Gazette, and unless all such sums of money and rents as may be payable in consideration of such Grant, Lease or assurance be made payable to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors during the whole term or time of the continuance thereof respectively."

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

ALL Public Accountants or Persons entrusted with the Expenditure of Public Money, are hereby required to render their Accounts, with proper Vouchers, to the Auditor General for Audit, by the thirty first day of October next; and the attention of the undermentioned Persons, is particularly called to this Notice:—

- Supervisors of Great Roads.
- Commissioners for Roads and Bridges.
- Indian Commissioners.
- Commissioners for encouraging Immigration.
- Commissioners of the House of Correction.
- Commissioners of the Lunatic Asylum.
- Agricultural Societies.

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor.

WM. F. ODELL.

Secretary's Office, 24th September, 1842.