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BY AUTHORITY.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT.

JAMES STEADMAN, Esquire, to be a Member of the Executive Council, in the room of Charles Connell, Esquire, resigned.
The Honorable JAMES STEADMAN, to be Postmaster General, in the room of Charles Connell, Esquire, resigned.

By His Excellency's Command.

S. L. TILLEY.

Secretary's Office, 22nd May, 1860.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(Copy)

Fredericton, 19th May, 1860.

SIR,—Various circumstances having occurred with reference to the administration of the Government of this Province during the short time that I have had the honor of being one of Your Excellency's advisers, induce me to address Your Excellency.

Believing it to be of the utmost importance for the interest of the people of this Province that unity of feeling and promptness of action should pervade the Council of Your Excellency,—

That each Head of a Public Department should be left to administer its duties as would, in his judgment, be most beneficial to the public interest; and if his administrative ability be such, and his action does not meet the concurrence of his colleagues, his duty is plain, either to assent and give effect to the advice of his colleagues, or resign his office; each Head of a Department should have the same responsibility to his colleagues as they do to Your Excellency.

I may here mention, and, in confirmation of this, I may draw Your Excellency's attention to the management of the Board of Works. Warrants have issued in favor of that Department from 1st November 1859, to 23rd March 1860, amounting to £9,250, the details of the expenditure of which is not within the knowledge of any Member of Government excepting the Head of that Department.

I shall now offer a few observations, with reference to the policy and general administration of the affairs of this Province.

The full control of the Institutions by the administration of the day, is a question of the first importance, and requires the most careful protection.

The Minute of Council advising the assent of Her Majesty to the University Bill, was a departure from that principle. In the reason given, Your Excellency is aware I did not concur; my opinion on that subject is known to Your Excellency, and will speak for itself, and is a matter of record. The procrastination and delay that has taken place in giving effect to the Law creating the University, will not restore that confidence in the Institution, on which so large an amount of the public funds has been wasted.

It is known to the public that financial difficulties have arisen in connection with the officers of the Saint Andrews and Quebec Railway Company. The Provincial interest in that Company, being £60,000 stock and a grant and reservation of over 200,000 acres of Lands, ought to have induced the Government to have given to their interest in that undertaking some care and supervision in view of the important Provincial interest involved.

The people on the Saint John River and those in other sections affected by the suspension of these works, are becoming justly alarmed that their interests are entirely overlooked, while the energies of the Government are applied and the resources of the Country absorbed in the completion of the Saint John and Shediac Railway, which affords no prospect of repaying the large amount that has already been expended and will be required for its completion, which will amount to little short of £1,500,000, and if the proposed extension from the Terminus to deep water wharves are

carried into effect, will cost not less than £75,000 in addition to this,—a tax for the interest on the whole people of this country of little short of £90,000 a year.

Large claims are also being made by Contractors on this line, the justice or injustice of which I am not prepared to offer an opinion, but the course now being pursued by the Government will not lead to a speedy settlement of these claims; if the Commissioners and Chief Engineer are competent to discharge their duties and give effect to the Law. The Government should have such knowledge of this important work, either to sustain the action of the Commissioners and Engineer, or place such men in their places as are competent to perform their duty.

The action of the Government has the effect of denuding those officers of that power which is so necessary in the prosecution of so important a work.

While large sums of money are being expended in constructing Bye Roads and Bridges leading to the Railway, (the payment for which is illegally made from the Railway Funds,) the people in the interior of the country who reap no benefit, but still have to pay their share of the tax for this large expenditure, have been denied a small grant of £15,000 or £20,000 for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Saint John River at Woodstock, which would have the effect of opening up a communication with the Settlements, and increase the number who are now locating on the Crown Lands, which are of great value for farming purposes on the eastern side of the River Saint John between the Tobique and Nackawick Rivers, comprising an area of upwards of 300,000 acres.

The well known interest Your Excellency has taken in furthering the settlement of Crown Lands, and your knowledge of the value of the land comprised in this district, Your Excellency will not be surprised at the dissatisfaction that exists at the refusal to commence so important a work, thereby injuring a great Provincial interest, an injustice as one of the Representatives of the People, and a Member of the Government, I am not prepared to submit to.

Having felt this and other matters for some time past, and at the same time feeling reluctant to take a step that I saw pressing on me, I delayed action, but the recent act of my colleagues in the Government has brought matters to a crisis; the want of that support on their part on a subject which I believed I was authorized in the action I had taken, as will appear by the following Minute of Council and correspondence:—

"Postmaster General to obtain new Postage Stamps in one, five, ten, and twelve and a half cents."

No. 1.—*Telegraphic Despatch.*

The Honorable C. CONNELL, Woodstock.

Just received notice from Governor that new decimal Stamp cannot be issued until approved by Governor in Council. Have seen Hale. Telegraph him. He can put all right.

(Signed)

S. L. TILLEY.

Fredericton, 27th April, 1860.

No. 2.—*Telegraphic Despatch.*

The Honorable S. L. TILLEY,

If that is required, you can procure the Order, as any delay now will make trouble all over the country, as instructions have gone out, and all old Stamps called in.

(Signed)

CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 23th April, 1860.

No. 3.—*Telegraphic Despatch.*

The Honorable CHARLES CONNELL, Woodstock.

Cannot get Order before Wednesday. Only Attorney General here. Hale can arrange so as not to cause confusion of instructions.

(Signed)

S. L. TILLEY.

No. 4.—*Telegraphic Despatch.*

JAMES HALE, Esquire, Fredericton.

See Mr. Tilley. Let issue of Stamps be stayed till Wednesday next.

(Signed)

CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.