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BY AUTHORITY.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

DAVID S. KERR, Esquire, GEORGE J. THOMSON, Esquire, CHARLES DUFF, Esquire, ANDREW RAINSFORD WETMORE, Esquire, to be Queen's Counsel, provisionally.

By His Excellency's Command.

S. L. TILLEY.

Secretary's Office, 6th June, 1860.

FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(Copy)

To His Excellency The Honorable J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lieut. Governor, &c. &c. &c.

SIR,—In the Royal Gazette of the 23rd instant appears a Memoranda without date, signed by Your Excellency's advisers and addressed to Your Excellency, in which is reviewed a correspondence which I had the honor to submit to Your Excellency on the 19th instant. The subject matter of that correspondence must be discussed at the proper time in another place, but as there are several points urged in the Memoranda of your advisers calculated to create a false impression with reference to my reasons for resigning my place at the Council Board, I am induced to trouble Your Excellency with this rejoinder.

1. In the Memoranda under notice it is intimated that the real reason of my resignation was the refusal of my colleagues in the Government to advise Your Excellency to issue the five-cent postage stamp. This statement I must unhesitatingly declare to be incorrect; and if evidence is wanting to prove the contrary, I can refer to the Attorney General, Provincial Secretary, and the Honorable Mr. Wark, who were present at a meeting of Council on Tuesday the 10th April, on which occasion, on account of circumstances which then and there took place, I stated that "I could not sit with men who acted as they did."

I am well aware that the Law reads, "The Governor in Council may cause Stamps with their value printed thereon to be sold and issued as Postage." The Minute of Council made in December last, if not perfected by the Attorney General, whose duty it was to do so, cannot be regarded as my fault. I have fulfilled my duty, and did what I supposed I was fully authorized to do. At all events I have violated no Law, and in the Memoranda under consideration, it is admitted that I had the consent of my colleagues to obtain the decimal Stamps.

2. My remarks respecting the Board of Works applied not to any particular expenditure, but to the general system of management, and your advisers do not attempt to deny (but admit) that the only knowledge they have of the detailed expenses of that Department is obtained at the Audit Office where the Accounts are filed. This Department is conducted by a Board composed of the Chief Commissioner of Works, the Provincial Secretary and the Surveyor General. From the admission made, it appears that the Members of the Board, excepting the Chief Commissioner, have no knowledge of their duties in connection therewith, and exercise no supervision over the expenditure of the Department. My chief object in making the reference I did, was to show that the principle of departmental responsibility advocated by me has been in practical operation.

3. Your Excellency's advisers agree with me that the Government should control all Provincial Institutions. They have not denied that the Minute of Council advising the assent of Her Majesty to the University Bill was a departure from that principle. The publication of that document and the memorandum submitted by myself to Your Excellency would shew to the public that my position in this matter is correct.

4. Your Excellency's advisers must be aware that I urged that a request made by the Manager of the St. Andrews and Quebec Railroad for the survey of the whole of the lands that the Company would be ultimately entitled to, by the Government should be complied with. Instead of this only a survey of the side lines beyond the Howard Settlement, near Eel River, and 20,000 acres, which were never granted, was made, and the consequences foretold by the Manager, in case of non-compliance with his request, have followed: The works have been suspended.

5. The opinion already expressed by me in my communication of the 19th inst. to Your Excellency, with reference to the Saint John and Shediac Railway, and its injurious effects upon the country, I still adhere to. From the memoranda of Your Excellency's advisers, it appears that it is still the intention of the Government to proceed with the extension from the terminus to deep water wharves.

6. With reference to the erection of Bridges upon bye-roads leading to the Railway, while I was a member of the Government I admit my responsibility; but in assenting to such expenditures I was influenced by the expectation that justice would be done that portion of the country which I represent, and that a Bridge would be erected over the River Saint John at Woodstock. I was strengthened in such expectations from the fact that the Chief Commissioner of Works was directed to make a survey for and prepare a plan and estimates of such Bridge, which was assurance to me that the Government really intended to do the upper River Counties the justice sought. While Your Excellency's advisers decline to express any opinion as to the future prospects with reference to the Bridge alluded to, I cannot but feel in common with the large body of my constituents, that our just claims in the past have been disregarded, and other portions of the Province allowed to absorb all of the available resources of the country.

Your Excellency's advisers say, "In the present state of the country it is questionable whether it is not more desirable to expend what money can now be appropriated to that part of the Province, in the opening up of Roads through the wilderness, thereby encouraging the introduction of a population who may require a Bridge". Previous to my entering the Government I communicated with some of its members with reference to its future policy, particularly in connection with emigration and the settlement of the Crown Lands; I was then informed that it would be the policy of the Government to survey tracts of land in different sections of the country, and open up roads to and through those tracts, in order that Emigrants and other intending settlers might have convenient access to the lands so surveyed. After entering the Government I urged that effect should be given to this policy on the part of the Government, thereby fulfilling a duty which I had pledged myself to my constituents to perform. I could, however, only succeed in having a tract surveyed through a portion of which roads have been located, but not a shilling of money has been appropriated for the purpose of opening up such roads. Taking a natural interest in Carleton County in connection with the subject of settlement, I have encouraged the Reverend Mr. Glass to adopt such means as he thought advisable to encourage a desirable class of Emigrants to settle on Crown Lands in this county, and Mr. Glass was led to believe, not only that the Government would open up the Roads, but that it would be prepared to meet the necessary expenses for advertising and the adoption of such other desirable means of making the country known and inducing emigration. Mr. Glass is now in Great Britain engaged in this work. Up to this time no disposition has been evinced by the Government to treat this matter with such liberality, and should the Government fail to do what I consider to be its duty in this respect, I shall feel called upon to redeem Mr. Glass's pledges to the Emigrants expected to arrive here in July, and upon my own responsibility, to have the roads opened up, trusting to the future for more liberal action on the part of the Government.

7. As to the Revenues of the Postal Department, at the end of the year when the Returns are made up, the Public will be able to arrive at a correct judgment. I have, &c.

(Signed)

CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, May 30th, 1860.