

Having thus fully stated to your Lordships my views on this subject, I beg to leave it to your favourable consideration.

(Signed) I have, &c.,  
HARDWICKE.

To the Right Honorab'le  
The Lords Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Treasury Chambers,  
29th May, 1852.

My Lord,—

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury your Lordship's letter of the 27th ultimo, recommending a reduced uniform rate of postage to the British Colonies, and am directed by their Lordships to acquaint you that my Lords do not feel warranted at present in sanctioning an arrangement for a uniform reduced rate of postage to the British Colonies, which, however desirable, would involve a considerable loss of revenue.

(Signed) I have, &c.,  
GEO. A. HAMILTON.

The Postmaster-General,  
&c. &c.

Downing-street,  
8th November, 1852.

Sir,—

I am directed by Sir John Pakington to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo, in which, with reference to Mr. Merivale's letter of the 21st September, you transmit the copies of a correspondence which had already passed with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on the subject to which the Postmaster General's attention has since been drawn by Sir John Pakington of a cheap and uniform postage to the Colonies.

I am desired to acquaint you, for the information of the Postmaster-General, that Sir John Pakington is satisfied that the scheme proposed in the Earl of Hardwicke's letter to the Treasury, dated the 27th of April last, by which a general sixpenny rate would be established for all letters under half an ounce sent to the British Colonies, with the requisite dependent arrangement as to the transmission of Parliamentary proceedings and newspapers, would be a most valuable boon to Her Majesty's Colonial subjects, and to all in this country who have private or commercial relations with the Colonies, and that Sir John Pakington would be very glad if the Postmaster-General should be able again to bring the proposal before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, in such a manner as may lead to its favourable consideration.

(Signed) I have, &c.,  
H. MERIVALE.

S. Tilley, Esq.

General Post Office,  
19th March, 1853.

Sir,—

On the 21st September last you informed the Postmaster-General that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies had received numerous applications both from the Colonies and from this country praying that the benefit of a cheap and uniform postage might be extended to Colonial correspondence, and you stated that Sir John Pakington, concurring with the petitioners as to the advantages which would result from the concession, was favourably disposed to it, provided