

<b>Title:</b>	Letters to the Honourable John H. Dunn, 1837-1838		
<b>Creator:</b>	Walter B. Sheehan		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1837-1838	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 439
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>2 double-sided handwritten money letters addressed to the Honourable John H. Dunn, Receiver General, Toronto City and dated July 5, 1837 and March 3, 1838</p> <p>On the 1837 letter there is a Dunnville postmark which is slightly obliterated. In the centre of the postmark, someone has written July 7, 1837 in ink. The letter is signed by Walter B. Sheehan, collector. Mr. Sheehan is enclosing 2 pounds and 15 shillings which was due on a certificate of tonnage. The letter is from Port Colborne and was written on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1837.</p> <p>The 1838 letter also has a Dunnville postmark. Mar. 9, 1838 is written in the centre of the postmark. This letter is also from Walter B. Sheehan, collector. The sum of 2 pounds was enclosed with this letter. The letter was written on March 3, 1868.</p>		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	<p>Each sheet measures 40 cm. x 45 cm. and is folded. The first letter is on a grey paper while the second letter is on white paper.</p> <p>On the 1837 letter there is a piece of tape on the centre fold, but otherwise, the paper is in excellent condition considering its age. There is a seal on the outer side of the letter which is partially worn away.</p> <p>On the 1838 letter there is some staining where the seal has been, and along the folds, but this letter is also in excellent condition.</p>		
<b>Other Notes:</b>	<p>The recipient of the letters is John Henry Dunn who was born on St. Helena (a British territory island of volcanic origin located in the South Atlantic Ocean) in 1792 to John Charles Dunn and Elizabeth Bazette. He was married to Charlotte Roberts on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1820 and they had 6 sons and 2 daughters. He came to Canada in 1820 in which year he became the Receiver General for Canada. He held this position until 1841. Charlotte died in 1835.</p> <p>In 1822 he was named to the Province's Legislative Council. He was president of the Welland Canal Company from 1825-1833. In 1836 he was named to the executive council of Upper Canada but resigned 3 weeks later with fellow counselors when lieutenant governor Sir Francis Bond refused the advice of the council. Dunn was made the Receiver General for the newly formed Province of Canada in 1841, and was elected to represent Toronto in the legislative assembly that year. He married his second wife on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1842. Her name was Sophie-Louise Juchereau Duchsnay. They had a son and a daughter. In 1843 he resigned, and was not re-elected in 1844. He returned to England with his family and died in London on April 21, 1854.</p> <p>Dunn was a supporter of the Welland Canal, St. Lawrence Canals and other</p>		

	<p>public improvements. Between the passage of the Canada Trade Act and the Act of the Union he had tried to insure that projects received funding despite financial constraints. He claimed that he has saved Upper Canada from bankruptcy.</p> <p>His son, Alexander Roberts Dunn received the Victoria Cross for his role in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava.</p> <p>Dunn Street in Niagara Falls is named after John Henry Dunn. The town and township of Dunnville were also named for him.</p> <p>Sources: <a href="http://biographi.ca/009004-119.01-e.php?id_nbr=3889">http://biographi.ca/009004-119.01-e.php?id_nbr=3889</a>  <a href="http://www.niagarafrontier.com/cityfalls.html">http://www.niagarafrontier.com/cityfalls.html</a></p>		
<b>Source Information:</b>	These letters were purchased from Vance Auctions Ltd., August 29, 2012		
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	600	Dunn, John Henry	
	610	Welland Canal Company	
	650	Finance – Public -- Canada	
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