

Title:	Circular to the Warden of the District of Ottawa from David Thorburn and Francis Hall, 1842		
Creator:	David Thorburn and Francis Hall		
Dates of Material:	1842	Reference Number:	RG 695
Scope and Content:	<p>One circular with printed material on the front, containing 2 handwritten notes on one piece of folded paper. This circular was sent to the warden of the Ottawa District to ascertain the amount of money received by the district and spent for the improvement of roads and bridges. This information was requested by the Member of Provincial Parliament and the Civil Engineer who were authorized to do so by the President of the Board of Works.</p> <p>The circular is addressed to The Warden of the Ottawa District, Longueil. Two notes are within this document. The first note is dated December 27, 1842, and it is from Queenston, District of Niagara. The salutation is "Sir". It is a request to the warden to return the circular (the same as this one) which was previously sent to him. Legislation was proceeding and the completed circular was needed. This is signed by David Thorburn and Francis Hall.</p> <p>The second note is dated January 10, 1843, and is from Hawkesbury Mills, Ottawa. In this note, the warden explains that he had received the circular in October and had circulated the circular to the people who would be most capable of furnishing the responses. He says that he will not be able to forward the completed responses until he receives them at the next meeting of the District Council. This is signed by [C.A. Low?] Warden.</p> <p>The postmark is from Queenston, December 30, 1842. There is also a "forwarded" stamp on the document.</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	One sheet of paper folded which has the printed material on the front. There is a hole in the letter from David Thorburn and Francis Hall. This affects the text slightly.		
Biographical / Administrative Notes:	<p>David Thorburn (1790-1862) was born in Scotland. He was a merchant and political figure in Upper Canada. From 1835 to 1844. He was the representative of the 3rd Lincoln in the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada. His other roles involved being in the militia and serving as a Justice of the Peace for the Niagara District. He was also an Indian Superintendent.</p> <p>Francis Hall was born in Scotland in 1792. He was trained by Thomas Telford in England. He was commissioned to design and create a monument dedicated to Sir Isaac Brock at Queenston Heights. In the same year, Hall submitted a proposal to construct a bridge over the Niagara Gorge between Queenston and Lewiston. This proposal was not accepted. He was hired to survey and design</p>		

	<p>the Schubenacadie Canal in Nova Scotia. He went on to design and build the Burlington Bay Canal as well as several roads in the Niagara region and major buildings in Toronto.</p>		
<p>Source Information:</p>	<p>Acquired from Gordon Russel from the Robert Band Collection. 2019</p>		
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