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Memorandum:

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Mr. Scott,

You will observe from Mr. Boyd's letter of the 9th instant that he approves of the proposal to divide the Province of Nova Scotia into fewer agencies and suggests that it would be better to have three agencies with the salary of \$1200.00 per annum for the two agents to be appointed, Mr. Boyd to retain the office of inspector and to perform the duties of agent for Cape Breton at his present salary of \$1800.00 per annum.

I may say that in discussing the matter with Mr. Bury, before writing to Mr. Boyd, he also thought that it would be better to have three agencies instead of four, thus enabling the Department to pay a salary sufficient to secure the services of competent men to fill the positions.

If the proposal is carried out it might be well to defer giving effect to it, say until the 1st of September next, thus allowing the Civil Service Commission ample time to secure the right kind of men to fill the positions.

*Tom Lean*