

I addressed to the Earl of Durham on the 15th instant in reference to his Proclamation of the 9th October last.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

GLENELG.

His Excellency Major General,

SIR GEORGE ARTHUR, K. C. H.

(Copy) No. 126.

*Downing Street,
26th October, 1838.*

MY LORD,

Since the date of my Despatch of the 19th instant, Her Majesty's Government have had under their consideration your Lordship's Despatches, No. 66, of the 25th of September, and No. 68, of the 28th of September.

Her Majesty's Government observe that the first of these Despatches was written before your Lordship had received any official information of the proceedings which took place in Parliament with regard to the Ordinance of the Special Council of Lower Canada for providing for the security of the Province, or of the course adopted by Her Majesty's Government in reference to those proceedings. That Despatch was written, consequently under the feelings and impressions which could scarcely fail to be excited by the partial information, derived only from the public prints, of what occurred in the earlier stages of the Parliamentary discussions on the subject. Under such circumstances, unacquainted as you were in a great measure with the considerations which had led Her Majesty's Government to the conviction that the course which they reluctantly felt themselves bound to pursue was, in the actual situation of the question with which they were called to deal, the one least likely to prove injurious to the public interests, and to your authority, and representing, as it was natural to do, the imputation of an abuse of arbitrary power, it cannot be matter of surprise that your Lordship should have conceived your position in Canada to be so materially affected as to leave you little hope of a successful result to your mission.

Fully entering into the feelings occasioned by the report of the earlier proceedings, only in the House of Lords, Her Majesty's Government do not think it

Despatch.

Earl Glenelg in answer to Earl of Durham's Despatches of the 25th and 28th of Sept.

Her Majesty's Ministers were not surprised at His Lordship's opinion, derived from partial information.