

24 PAPERS *relative to* REMOVAL of the SEAT of GOVERNMENT, &c.

CANADA.

in its character. Her Majesty confidently relies on the loyalty of the great majority of Her Canadian subjects, and she is, therefore, determined to exert all the authority which belongs to Her, for the purpose of maintaining the connexion of Canada with this country, being persuaded that the permanence of that connexion is highly advantageous to both.

4. Your Lordship will, therefore, understand that you are commanded by Her Majesty to resist, to the utmost of your power, any attempt which may be made to bring about the separation of Canada from the British dominions, and to mark in the strongest manner Her Majesty's displeasure with all those who may directly or indirectly encourage such a design.

5. And if any attempt of this kind should take such a form, that those who are guilty of it may, according to such advice as you may receive from your law advisers, be made responsible for their conduct in a court of justice, you will not fail to take the necessary measures for bringing them to account.

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

The Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine,
&c. &c. &c.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl GREY to the Right Hon. the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

MY LORD,

Downing-street, February 18, 1850.

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I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 138,* of the 28th of December last, and to acquaint you, in answer, that I have apprised Viscount Palmerston that I regard the conduct of Mr. J. G. Mackenzie, in having affixed his name to the document advocating the annexation of Canada to the United States of America as a disqualification for the office of Consul which the Portuguese Government proposed to confer upon him.

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

The Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine,
&c. &c. &c.