

CANADA.

Despatch from the Right Honourable Earl Grey, Secretary of State.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl GREY to the Earl of ELGIN.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, November 4, 1851.

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I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 9th September, No. 107*, transmitting the copy of a letter from the Chief Agent of Immigration in Canada, reporting the destitute condition in which certain emigrants from the estates of Colonel Gordon of Cluny, have been lately sent to the province; and I have to inform your Lordship that, having caused an inquiry to be instituted into the alleged circumstances of this case, I learn that Colonel Gordon denies having promised to these emigrants free passages beyond Quebec, and refuses to incur any further expense on their account. As proprietors of estates in this country cannot legally be required to provide emigrants with pecuniary means to assist them on their arrival at the place of destination, I have no authority to prevent a repetition of the proceeding to which you have called my attention. I can only express my regret that the emigrants from South Uist should have been sent to Canada in a manner which I regard as so objectionable.

The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GREY.
