

*perilous passage* with a perseverance and resolution which do them great honor, and were in readiness at the appointed station on the morning of the 11th instant.

[Signed,]

G. A. WETHERALL,  
Col., D. A. G.

*General Order, Extract.*

HEAD QUARTERS, SOREL, 21st February, 1848.

The Commander of the Forces has, with the sanction of His Excellency the Governor General, been pleased to direct that the undermentioned Provincial corps, now serving in Canada, and whose period of service will expire on the 30th of April next, be continued embodied on a further engagement for two years, terminating at the option of the Government at the end of twelve months, namely the 30th April, 1849, or at any intermediate period of the second year.

Royal Montreal Cavalry, 2 troops

Queen's Light Dragoons, 1 troop.

The Colonial Company.

G. A. WETHERALL,  
Col. Asst. A. G.

*Downing Street, Military, Confidential.*

MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }  
SOREL, 30th December, 1848. }

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 27th instant, enclosing the copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, relating to the proposed disbandment of the Provincial Cavalry, and conveying the wishes of His Excellency the Governor General to be informed of the views of the Commander of the Forces upon the subject.

I have laid these letters before the Commander of the Forces, and I am directed in reply to request that you may be so good as to offer the following observations thereon for His Excellency's consideration.

There seems but too much reason to fear from the contents of Earl Grey's Despatch that Her Majesty's Government will cease to authorize the maintenance of the Provincial Cavalry as a charge upon the British treasury after the 30th April, 1850; yet, if the importance of its services to the interest of Her Majesty's army, as well as to the security of the Colony, be duly considered, there would perhaps appear sufficient grounds for the strong objection to that course, which the Governor Gen-