

infallibly be met in the House of Commons by the Assertion of the Principle, that every Colony should maintain its own Civil Government; a Principle which, if it be respected in this Country on the Ground of national Economy, is yet more justly valued in the Colonies, as a Security against the Interference of Parliament with their internal Affairs.

If after a sufficient Length of Observation it shall be established to your Satisfaction and my own, that your official Income is inadequate to the Demands to which your Office reasonably subjects you, I shall think it my Duty, not for your Sake merely, but with a view to the permanent Interest of the Public at large, to stipulate for the necessary Increase as a Part of that Civil List for which His Majesty's Hereditary Revenue is to be surrendered.

Such is the only Answer which it is in my Power to return to your Despatch. I cannot suppose that you intended to open this Discussion by compelling me to elect between the immediate and unqualified Acceptance of all your Terms, and the immediate Acceptance of your Resignation. I cannot conceal from myself, nor shall I affect to conceal from you, that your Retirement from the Office would be highly inconvenient in its direct, and still more in its indirect Consequences. In the Extent of your Ability to distress the King's Government, and to impede His Majesty's Service, I find, however, the strongest Security against your Resort to the Use of that Power. The high Opinion which I entertain of your Character and Principles is sufficient to prevent my doing you the Injustice of believing that at so early a Period, and without clear and indisputable Necessity, you will abandon the important Trust so recently committed to your Charge. You will, I am convinced, review the Decision which you have announced, and withhold your final Determination until you shall have maturely weighed the various Considerations, of a public as well as a private Kind, which appear to forbid your Retreat from the arduous and therefore honourable Station in which it has been His Majesty's Pleasure to place you; for myself at least, I must decline the Responsibility of laying your Resignation before The King, and of concurring in so untimely a Change in the Administration of Affairs of the Province, until I shall have received your Answer to this Despatch. You must permit me to commend the whole Subject to your mature and patient Reflection; and to remind you, that it is no longer possible for you to consider your personal Concern in the Question, except in its Connexion with national Interests of the greatest Importance.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GLENELG.

No. 5.
Lord Glenelg
to
Sir F. B. Head,
22d March 1836.

No. 6.

(No. 43.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord GLENELG to Sir F. B. HEAD, K. C. H.

Sir,

Downing Street, 30th March 1836.

I HAVE the Honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Despatch of the 23d February, No. 9., announcing that you had found it necessary to increase the Number of Executive Councillors of Upper Canada, and that you had accordingly appointed to that Situation, until His Majesty's Pleasure should be known, Messrs. J. H. Dunn, R. Baldwin, and John Rolph.

I beg to convey to you my Approval of this Measure, and I shall have much Satisfaction in recommending to His Majesty to confirm the Appointment of these Gentlemen. I have also to express to you my Concurrence in the Propriety of the Course which you adopted with reference to the Conditions attempted to be attached by Mr. Baldwin to his Acceptance of the Post of Executive Councillor, and I am happy to perceive that Mr. Baldwin has not, by persisting in his Demands, deprived His Majesty's Service of the Advantage which will, I trust, result from his Assistance at your Councils.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GLENELG.

No. 6.
Lord Glenelg
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