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Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

THERE being no longer any prospect of a good result from the Message which, by the commands of our most gracious Sovereign, I communicated, a few days ago, to the House of Assembly, I hasten to put an end to this session, and to enable you to return to your homes.

The object of convoking the present Parliament was to make a renewed effort on the part of His Majesty to restore some interval of repose to his Canadian people. I lament, however, that instead of awaiting the development of those measures which are in preparation, but which, to be effectual, must be matured with time and attention, a more hasty decision continues to be insisted upon; and the province is even threatened with the abandonment, by one branch of the Legislature, of the duties confided to it by the constitution. Without dwelling on this inauspicious project, I will merely observe, that if it be persisted in, the number of temporary acts in Lower Canada, and the importance of some, which are not long hence to expire, must give peculiar effect in this province to a decision which, in no country endowed with powers of domestic legislation, could be otherwise than a severe privation and source of public suffering.

Gentlemen,

In taking leave of you, I will only express the hope I am unwilling to forego, that however the political embarrassments of the country may appear to multiply around us, the inherent elements of prosperity and contentment which it contains may triumph over all adventitious causes of difficulty.

Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 4th October 1836.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord *Glenelg* to the Earl of *Gosford*.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 20th November 1836.

I HAVE received and laid before the King your Lordship's despatches of the 28th of September, and of the 1st, 3d and 4th October, announcing the meeting of the Legislature of Lower Canada, transmitting copies of the communications which took place on that occasion between your Lordship and the Legislative Council and Assembly, and reporting the prorogation by which the session was closed.

I am commanded by the King to signify to your Lordship his Majesty's approbation of your proceedings on this occasion. You rightly judged that to prolong the session after the Address which you had received, and the departure of so large a body of the members from the seat of government, would on every account have been inexpedient and indecorous.

It must be superfluous to assure your Lordship that these communications have engaged the most serious attention of His Majesty's Government. I shall very shortly have to address you fully in explanation of the course of proceeding which it will be necessary to adopt in order to arrest the progress of these controversies.

In the meantime your Lordship will discharge the arduous duty of watching over the public tranquillity in Lower Canada with your accustomed zeal for His Majesty's service, and in the spirit of the general instructions which I have already had the honour to address to you.

I cannot close this despatch without observing that recent occurrences do but confirm the opinion, which I have already announced to you, that the commission, of which your Lordship is the head, should be brought to its close with the utmost possible promptitude.

I have, &c.

(signed)

Glenelg.