

6 COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COLONIAL OFFICE

I maintained the public tranquillity, and delivered over to Sir James Kempt a steady, well appointed and well disposed militia of 70,000 men, having certainly weeded it of many seditious and mischevious characters, whose chief hope to excite "troubles in Canada" rested upon the influence they attempted to obtain over the militia in the counties.

Such are the facts, and the narrative is the only justification I think it necessary to offer on that part of my conduct in the government of Canada.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(signed) DALHOUSIE.

N° 4.—COPY of a Despatch from Secretary Sir George Murray to Lieutenant General Sir James Kempt.

SIR,

Downing Street, 26th October 1828.

I have the honour to transmit to you the enclosed papers, accompanied by various affidavits from officers of militia, who were dismissed by the Earl of Dalhousie, complaining that a military punishment had been inflicted on them for exercising their civil rights in signing a petition for redress of grievances, in common with other inhabitants of Lower Canada; and I am to request that you will inquire into the circumstances stated by these individuals, and report the result to me.

I have, &c.

(signed) G. MURRAY.

N. B.—The enclosures to this despatch being very voluminous, were sent in original by the North American mail of November, which having been lost, Sir James Kempt has been unable to prepare a detailed report on the subject.

N° 5.—COPY of a Despatch from Lieutenant General Sir James Kempt to Secretary Sir George Murray.

SIR,

Castle of St. Lewis,

Quebec, 26th February 1829.

I have had the honour of receiving the *duplicate* of your despatch (N° 10.) of the 26th of October last, transmitting some papers and affidavits from officers of militia, who were dismissed by the Earl of Dalhousie, complaining that a military punishment had been inflicted on them for exercising their civil rights in common with other inhabitants of Lower Canada; and requesting me to inquire into the circumstances stated by them, and to report to you the result.

As the original despatch, however, is missing, and no papers of any kind accompanied the duplicate which I have named, it is not in my power to comply with your request, having no knowledge of the names of the parties complaining, or of the circumstances into which you desire me to inquire.

I have, &c.

(signed) JAMES KEMPT.

N° 6.—COPY of a Despatch from Lieutenant General Sir James Kempt to Secretary Sir George Murray.

SIR,

Castle of St. Lewis,

Quebec, 27th March 1829.

I had the honour to inform you, in my despatch N° 27, that it had been the intention of the House of Assembly to provide by a special Act for the salaries of the militia staff and contingencies for the present year, and that the charge (amounting to 1,530 l. 8 s. 3 d.) had been deducted from the general estimate of the civil expenditure of the province, submitted by me to the Provincial Parliament, on which the bill of supply is founded.

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