

No. 16.
Lord Glenelg
to
Sir F. B. Head.
20th August 1836.

Enclosures.

I cannot close without adverting to a Report and Address from the Legislative Council of the 19th of April last, which I have only seen within these few Days, though no doubt it has been some Time before your Lordship. I do so, because, without at present adopting all its Conclusions, or feeling myself competent to pronounce upon the Accuracy of its Statements, it appears to me to contain a forcible Illustration of the utter Inefficiency of the System heretofore adopted in conducting the Provincial Government of Upper Canada; and your Lordship will see that the Want of executive Servants to conduct the legislative Business of the Government through Parliament is in the last Paragraph but one distinctly though delicately pointed at.

I shall trouble your Lordship no further. I have now done all that was in my Power to avert the Consequences which I apprehend. My Opinions have been avowed with equal Frankness to the Representative of the King in the Province and to His Majesty's Government in this Country, and the Consequences which I anticipate from the Adoption of a different Line of Policy from that which I have respectfully recommended explicitly pointed out to both. Over the Result I have of course no Control, although I shall necessarily be involved in its Consequences. I feel however that I have now discharged my Duty; and your Lordship will I am sure be my Witness that I have omitted nothing which was in my Power that could tend to impress His Majesty's Government with the Importance which I attached to the Principle, and the Necessity which I conceived to exist for its prompt and avowed Application as a permanent Principle of Government to the Provincial Constitution.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

The Right Hon. Lord Glenelg,
&c. &c. &c.

ROBT. BALDWIN.

My Lord,

4, Trinity Court, Charing Cross, 12th August 1836.

I have been requested by the Editor of the Correspondent and Advocate Newspaper of Toronto to submit the enclosed Deposition to your Lordship.

I subjoin an Extract from Mr. O'Grady's Letter, in which his Motives are explained.

Your Lordship will be kind enough to consider this as proceeding wholly from that Gentleman. As far as I am myself concerned, I have already, in my Interview with Lord John Russell, taken the only Kind of Notice that I shall condescend to do of the Rumours referred to.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

The Right Hon. Lord Glenelg,
&c. &c. &c.

ROBT. BALDWIN.

Extract referred to in the foregoing Letter.

“ It having been currently reported here since your Departure for England, that His Excellency Sir F. B. Head has represented to the Colonial Office that Mr. Rolph and yourself are the Authors of the Rejoinder to His Excellency's Answer to the Address of the Inhabitants of this City, lately presented to him, I deem it a Duty I owe to you to enclose the Attestation of J. H. Price, Esq., before his Worship the Mayor, and certified by His Excellency, from which it will appear what little Credit should be given to such a Representation. For the sake of Truth and Justice, I have to request you will submit it to the Consideration of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies. That Document (the Rejoinder) having appeared in the Correspondent and Advocate Newspaper, it becomes more particularly my Duty to correct any Misrepresentation that might have been put into Circulation regarding its Authorship, to the Prejudice of others.

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