

No. 3.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Secretary Sir *G. Murray* to Major-general Sir *J. Colborne*, &c. &c. &c.

SIR, Downing-street, 20th October 1828.
I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Sir Peregrine Maitland's Despatch of the 29th of March last, detailing the proceedings of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada against Colonel Coffin and Colonel Givins for contempt of the privileges of that House, in refusing to obey the summons of the Chairman of a Select Committee, and requesting instructions for his guidance under similar circumstances.

From the statement of the Lieutenant-governor, I am led to infer that there were adequate grounds for inquiry by the House of Assembly into the grievances complained of in Mr. Forsyth's Petition, of having been dispossessed of lands in his occupation by a military force, acting under the express command of the Lieutenant-governor; and the chief reason adduced by the Lieutenant-governor for not allowing Colonels Givins and Coffin to attend the Committee is stated to have been that he did not know the nature of Mr. Forsyth's complaint, nor the facts in regard to which the evidence of the officer was required.

As no direct notification had been made to the Lieutenant-governor in a certain technical sense, he did not know the nature of the complaint, yet as he must have inferred that the Committee proposed to examine these officers respecting the employment of a military force for ejecting Forsyth from the land, I cannot but consider that Sir Peregrine Maitland would have exercised a sounder discretion had he permitted the officers to appear before the Assembly; and I regret that he did not accomplish the object he had in view in preventing Forsyth's encroachments by means of the civil power, which is said to have been at hand, rather than by calling in military aid.

I have, &c.
(signed) *G. Murray.*

No. 4.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Mr. Secretary *Stanley* to Lieutenant-general Sir *P. Maitland*, &c. &c. &c.

SIR, Downing-street, 20th June 1833.
CERTAIN Papers having been moved for in Parliament, in which some part of your conduct as Lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada is animadverted upon, I have considered it due to you to refer these Papers for your consideration, in order that you may have an opportunity of affording any explanation upon them which you may think necessary.

I am, &c.
(signed) *E. G. Stanley.*

No. 5.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-general Sir *P. Maitland* to Mr. Secretary *Stanley*.

SIR, London, June 24th 1833.
I HAVE the honour to acknowledge, with thankfulness, the sense of justice which has led you to submit to me a Despatch from Sir George Murray, when Secretary of State, to Sir John Colborne, of 20th of October 1828, previously to laying it before the House of Commons.

However strange the statement may appear, I was altogether unaware that such a document existed. By it, I am now, for the first time, made acquainted with Sir George Murray's animadversions on certain acts of my government.

As my Despatch of the 29th of March 1828, on which the opinions of the then Secretary of State are grounded, was written expressly with the view of obtaining instructions