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Canadian Government, and misapprehensions created which there will be some difficulty in removing. The Ministers have, as a preliminary, decided upon sending up emissaries well known to, and personally liked by, these French half-breeds, to confer with them and, if possible, disabuse their minds of the erroneous impressions that have been made upon them.

The Earl Granville, K.G.,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN YOUNG.

P.S. I beg to enclose some Newspaper extracts, which contain a review of the subject.

I also enclose copies of two Telegraphic Messages just received on the same subject.

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Ottawa, 22nd November, 1869.

Hon. Mr.
McDougall.

SIR,

Pembina, 31st
Oct., 1869.

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, a Copy of the Correspondence between the Honourable Mr. McDougall and this Department since the arrival of the former at Pembina *en route* for Fort Garry.

Hon. Mr.
McDougall.

The Enclosures mentioned in Mr. McDougall's Letter of the 31st ultimo are also transmitted.

Pembina, 4th
Nov., 1869.

In addition to the Official Correspondence, I send a Copy of a Letter from Mr. Sanford, of Hamilton, giving further details about the matters referred to in Mr. McDougall's Letters.

Sec. of State
for the Pro-
vinces.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JOSEPH HOWE,
Secretary of State.

F. Turville, Esquire, Governor's Secretary.

19th Nov.,
1869.

18th Nov.,
1869.

Hudson Bay Post, Pembina,
October 31st, 1869.

SIR,

I have the honour to report my arrival at this place last evening, where I have determined to remain for a short time, in consequence of the events hereinafter detailed.

Rumours of hostile movements on the part of the French half-breeds against the authority of the Canadian Government, reached me at several points between St. Paul and Pembina, but they were so wild and contradictory that I gave little heed to them.

I met the Hon. Joseph Howe on his return from Fort Garry, about half a day's journey south of Georgetown, in the open prairie. As the weather was stormy we had only a very short interview. He stated that the people of Red River Settlement were well-disposed towards the Canadian Government, but, from some circumstances of which he would advise me by Letter from Fort Abercrombie, the feelings of a certain section of the population had been excited, and that delicate handling would be necessary to allay them. He did not state, and apparently did not anticipate, that there was any danger of an armed insurrection before my arrival at Fort Garry.

At a point about thirty miles from this post where I camped for the night, I met a Mr. Lanford, of Hamilton (Ontario), who put into my hands Despatches, of which the enclosed are copies (marked A, B, C, D). He stated, also, that he was stopped at Scratching River (about fifteen miles from Fort Garry) by a body of armed men, who had thrown a barricade across the road, and who expressed their determination to prevent me from passing that point. He had no doubt of their intention to carry out their threats by force, if necessary.

His Report of the state of feelings among the French half-breeds, and of the movements of the Insurgents, confirmed generally the statements in the enclosed Papers.

On my arrival at the American Customs House at Pembina, a half-breed, who had been waiting there for the last three or four days, put into my hands a Letter, of which the Paper marked E is a Copy, and immediately disappeared. I paid no attention to his Letter, but, as soon as the proper entries had been made by the Collector, proceeded to the Hudson Bay Company's Post about two miles distant, and within the "Territory of the North-West." Here I found another Despatch (marked F), with a Note from Colonel Dennis (marked).

This morning I determined to send Mr. Provencher (who with Mr. Richards and Captain Cameron accompanied me from Port Abercrombie to this place) to Fort Garry, if permitted to go so far, with a verbal message to Governor McTavish announcing my arrival within his jurisdiction, and claiming his protection for myself and party. Mr. Provencher was instructed to ascertain from the Insurgents by a friendly conference, if possible, their object, and the extent of the force at their command. He was instructed to assure them of the determination of the Government to deal justly with all classes, and to respect existing rights without reference to race or religion. But he was to explain to them that until the New Government was organized, and so long as they remained with arms in their hands, no Official communication could be had with them by me or any one on my behalf. Mr. Provencher left this morning about 8 o'clock, with a reliable guide who is well acquainted with the country and the half-breeds of the Settlement.

I shall remain here with Mr. Richards and the balance of my party until I hear from Mr. Provencher, or learn from other sources that the Insurgents have dispersed.