

## No. 57.

QUEBEC.

(No. 408.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord STANLEY to Lord METCALFE, G.C.B.

My Lord,

Downing Street, 4th August 1845.

I HAVE laid before Her Majesty your Despatches Nos. 299. and 311. of the 20th June and 9th July last, communicating the melancholy Intelligence of the Two Fires by which the Town of Quebec has been successively desolated.

I have received Her Majesty's Commands to express the deep Sorrow with which She has received the Information, and the Sympathy which She feels for the many Sufferers by these Misfortunes.

Her Majesty has felt great Pleasure in giving Effect to an Address from the House of Commons requesting that a Sum not exceeding 20,000*l.* be applied to the Relief of the Sufferers by these calamitous Fires, and I am commanded by Her Majesty to inform you that the Sum of 20,000*l.* is accordingly placed at your Disposal to be applied in whatever Manner you consider most conducive to that Object.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) STANLEY.

No. 57.  
Lord Stanley  
to  
Lord Metcalfe,  
4th August 1845.

## No. 58.

(No. 409.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord STANLEY to Lord METCALFE, G.C.B.

My Lord,

Downing Street, 4th August 1845.

WITH reference to my Despatch No. 408. informing you that the Sum of 20,000*l.* had been placed at your Disposal for the Relief of the Sufferers by the Fires at Quebec, I enclose you the Copy of a Communication from the Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, explaining the Mode in which Provision has been made for Payment of the Amount.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) STANLEY.

No. 58.  
Lord Stanley  
to  
Lord Metcalfe,  
4th August 1845.

2d August.

## Enclosure in No. 58.

Sir,

Treasury Chambers, 2d August 1845.

I have it in Command to acquaint you, for the Information of Lord Stanley, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has stated to this Board, that Her Majesty, having been graciously pleased to accede to the Address of the House of Commons relating to the Relief of the Sufferers by the late calamitous Fire at Quebec, has expressed Her Desire that such Relief should be afforded without Delay; and I am to request that you will state to Lord Stanley that in compliance with Her Majesty's Desire my Lords have thought it advisable that the Amount contemplated by the House of Commons should be placed at the immediate Disposal of the Governor General of Canada, in order that it may be applied for the Relief and Assistance of the Sufferers in such Manner as the Governor General may see fit; and you will further acquaint Lord Stanley that my Lords will accordingly forthwith instruct the Officer in charge of the Commissariat in Canada to make such Issues from the Chest of his Department for the Purpose in question to the Extent of Twenty thousand Pounds as the Governor General may require and direct; and you will move Lord Stanley to cause the Governor General to be apprized of these Instructions, and to authorize the Governor General to make such Distribution or other Application of the Money as he may deem most conducive to the Object for which it has been granted.

J. Stephen, Esquire,  
&c. &c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) G. W. BRANDE,  
Pro Sec.

Enclosure in  
No. 58.

## No. 59.

(No. 349.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord METCALFE, G.C.B., to Lord STANLEY.

My Lord,

Government House, Montreal, 8th September 1845.

HAVING communicated to the Mayor of Quebec your Lordship's Despatch, No. 408. of the 4th ultimo, announcing that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to give Effect to an Address from the House of Commons, requesting

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No. 59.  
Lord Metcalfe  
to  
Lord Stanley,  
8th Sept. 1845.