

No. 20.

COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Sir G. GREY, Bart., to
Lieut.-Governor DALY.

PRINCE
EDWARD'S
ISLAND.

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No. 2.

SIR,

Downing Street, 7th November 1854.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 10th ultimo, marked "Military," transmitting a joint address to the Queen, from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Prince Edward's Island; in reference to the late withdrawal of Her Majesty's troops from that island. You will acquaint the Legislative Council and Assembly that I have had the honour to lay their address before the Queen, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously. You will further acquaint them that the small amount of Her Majesty's regular forces now left in British North American Colonies will render it impracticable to detach any portion thereof to Prince Edward's Island, as requested; but that Her Majesty's Government will not fail to give all due consideration to the circumstances set forth in the address as constituting special and peculiar grounds for supplying a substitute for the troops withdrawn. Inquiries have been already instituted by the Duke of Newcastle, for the purpose of ascertaining how far it would be practicable to give effect to the recommendations on that head contained in your Despatch of 11th September, by enrolling a body of pensioners for service in the colony; I have to add that Her Majesty's Government deem this, in a financial point of view, to be a description of force better suited to the colony than a corps of fencibles; but if, as may be inferred from the address, the Legislative Bodies prefer the latter, and are prepared, as stated in your Despatch, to provide all charges connected therewith, Her Majesty's Government will willingly consider any suggestion which you may have to offer on that subject. You will, however, bear in mind that the fencibles are on permanent pay at a rate of about one-fourth more than an equal number of troops of the line, owing to their longer service.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

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Lientenant-Governor DALY.

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No. 22.

SIR,

Downing Street, 17th November 1854.

WITH reference to my Despatch marked military, No. 2, of the 7th instant, I have to inform you that it has been determined to make some alterations in the state of the garrison in Newfoundland, a measure which will, I trust, afford the means of meeting the demand for military aid recently preferred by the Legislature of Prince Edward's Island.

Her Majesty's Government propose that out of the excess of the garrison at Newfoundland a small company of 50 men should be formed, with two officers, for service in Prince Edward's Island, provided the Government of that island will undertake to defray the necessary expense of maintaining it.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

No. 22.

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Lieutenant-Governor DALY.

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No. 23.

SIR,

Downing Street, 18th January 1855.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, marked military, of the 28th of November last, relative to the formation of a force to supply the

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