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This Despatch, with address, having been referred to the honourable the Minister of Justice, he submits a report, which is hereunto annexed.

The Committee concur in said report, and advise that the same be approved and acted on.

Certified,
W. A. HIMSWORTH,
Clerk, Privy Council.

Department of Justice, Ottawa, December 23, 1875.

WITH reference to a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to his Excellency, dated 3rd March 1875, transmitting an address of Her Majesty adopted by the House of Commons, whereby Her Majesty was asked "to give directions that there be laid before this House copies and translations of any laws, ordinances, or regulations relating to Monastic and Conventual Institutions connected with the Church of Rome, and to the inmates or members thereof, especially the regular Orders of the Church of Rome, which may be enforced by the authority of the State, and are at present operative in France, in the German Empire, in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, in the Russian Empire, in Italy, in Sweden and Norway, in Belgium, in Spain, in Portugal, in Switzerland, in the United States of America, in the Dominion of Canada, and in the Empire of Brazil," and requesting "that his Excellency would take such steps as may be necessary to obtain the information called for in the address so far as it relates to the Dominion of Canada," the undersigned begs to report:—

That the information asked for is not within the possession of the Government of Canada, and that the best mode of procuring it would appear to be by requesting the Lieutenant-Governor of each Province to obtain and transmit to his Excellency, in compliance with the Despatch, the information so far as it relates to his Province.

He recommends, therefore, that communication should be had with the several Lieutenant-Governors in this sense, accompanied by a copy of the Despatch of the Secretary of State and its enclosure.

He recommends further, that the Secretary of State be informed of the substance of this report, and the action taken thereon.

(Signed) EDWARD BLAKE,
M. J.

No. 3.

The EARL OF DUFFERIN to the EARL OF CARNARVON.

(Received May 3, 1877.)

Government House, Ottawa,
April 16, 1877.

MY LORD,

WITH reference to the Despatches noted in the margin,* I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of two letters from the Secretary of State for Canada, covering copies of communications from the Lieutenant-Governors of the several provinces of the Dominion, furnishing the information called for by an address of the Imperial House of Commons relating to Monastic and Conventual Institutions connected with the Church of Rome.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) DUFFERIN.

* Nos. 1 and 2.