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under their Lordships' sanction, for meeting the pressing exigencies of the public service, during the non-session of the House of Assembly.

In my despatch of the 17th instant, No. 1, I have entered so much at large into the various financial arrangements which it will be your Lordship's duty to make or to propose to the Assembly, that on the present occasion I limit myself to the expression of my entire concurrence in the views of the Lords of the Treasury on this subject, and of my deep solicitude that this claim upon the justice of the House of Assembly may be met by that body in a frank and cordial spirit. Your Lordship will consult your own discretion as to the manner in which the question may be most conveniently brought under their notice; not, however, postponing the application for the repayment of this advance beyond the earliest period which you may deem consistent with the important objects to which your attention has been directed. Whether the case will be most advantageously submitted to the provincial legislature by laying before them a copy of Mr. Baring's letter, supported by a recommendation from yourself, or by an address conceived in the terms, or at least in the spirit of that letter, will be a question for your own consideration.

> I have, &c. (signed) Glenelg.

(Enclosure.)

Treasury Chambers, 11 July 1835.

I AM directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to request that you will call the earnest and immediate attention of Lord Glenelg to the subject of the repayment of the sum advanced from the military chest in Lower Canada, in aid of the civil government of that province, under Lord Aylmer's warrant of 27th November 1834; and that you will move Lord Glenelg to give directions that such steps should be taken as his Lordship may consider expedient, in order that this advance, made by the express sanction and authority of His Majesty's Government, under a peculiar and most pressing emergency, and to provide against any interruption of the public service by the non-payment of salaries then two years in arrear, may be repaid.

His Lordship is well aware that this advance was exclusively made from British funds, for the purpose of avoiding the course which on former occasions had been so strongly objected to, and with the intention of scrupulously abstaining from any act which could prejudice the question at issue between the House of Assembly in Lower Canada and the government, or which could throw difficulties in the way of the final and satisfactory adjustment of these unhappy differences.

My Lords trust that Lord Glenelg will impress upon the minds of the Canadian authorities their Lordships' hope that a confidence thus marked in the just and liberal feelings of the House of Assembly, will not have been misplaced, but that an advance thus made with a view to prevent any interruption of the civil business of the colony, and any unjust pressure on public servants, and made in a manner not to compromise any of the questions at issue, will be cheerfully repaid; the legislature of the province doing justice to the principles by which the conduct of His Majesty's advisers has been governed.

R. W. Hay, Esq.

Sir.

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the Earl of Gosford

(Enclosure.)

Despatch from Lord Glenelg to

18 July 1835.

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(signed) F. Baring.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord Glenelg to Sir F. B. Head, K. C. H.

Sir,

Downing Street, 5 December 1835.

I HAVE the honour herewith to transmit to you, a commission under His Majesty's sign-manual, appointing you lieutenant-governor of the province of Upper Canada.

You have been selected for this office at an era of more difficulty and importance than any which has hitherto occurred in the history of that part of His Majesty's dominions. The expression of confidence in your discretion and ability which the choice itself implies, would only be weakened by any more formal assurance which I could convey to you.

In the following instructions, I shall presuppose your knowledge of many occurrences, the correct understanding of which is essential to the discharge of the duties to which you are called, but which it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate. As, however, a more exact acquaintance with Canadian affairs is indispensable for

No. 5. Despatch from Lord Glenelg to Sir F. B. Head, 5 December 1835.