

to devote our means to covering its frontier by good works than to attempt surrounding the city itself by a chain of posts such as the statement contemplated.

The inclosures of your letter are herewith returned, as requested.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) R. BYHAM.

No. 9.

Lord John Russell to the Right Hon. C. Poulett Thomson.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Downing Street, May 9, 1840.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of the 26th of March, inclosing a memorandum which had been submitted to you by the Commander of the Forces on the defences of Montreal and its immediate frontier.

I immediately forwarded this communication to the Master General and Board of Ordnance, desiring their opinion on the plan therein proposed, and stating that if it were approved of, it might be advisable to go to Parliament this Session for funds to defray a portion of the expense incidental to the proposed works. An answer to that reference has now been received, and I have the honour to transmit a copy of it to you for your information. You will perceive therefrom that the Board of Ordnance consider the memorandum of Sir Richard Jackson as possessing great interest and value, but that they could not express any opinion on the character and construction of the contemplated works, without the usual details of a digested project.

Being anxious to have under my consideration such a plan as Sir Richard Jackson has suggested, I should be glad if you would call on him to furnish you with one which shall be more specific and detailed, and also to obtain a scientific report for the Board of Ordnance as to the engineering which will be requisite, and an estimate of the expense of the undertaking.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

No. 10.

The Right Hon. C. Poulett Thomson to Lord J. Russell.—(Received Sept. 2, 1840.)

My Lord,

Castle St. Lewis, Quebec, August 5, 1840.

HAVING communicated to the Commander of the Forces your Lordship's despatch of the 9th of May last and its inclosures, relative to the defence of Montreal and its immediate frontier, I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information a copy of the answer which I have received. The plans and estimates to which Sir R. D. Jackson refers will, of course, be forwarded at a future period.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. POULETT THOMSON.

Inclosure in No. 10.

Sir. R. D. Jackson to the Right Hon. C. Poulett Thomson.

Sir,

Niagara, June 16, 1840.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatch of the 8th instant, conveying copies of communications from the Secretary of State, and Board of Ordnance, upon the subject of that part of my memorandum upon Montreal and its immediate frontier, which relates to works proposed for its defence.