

IMPERIAL DESPATCH

ON THE

LETELLIER AFFAIR.

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We print this morning the full text of the COLONIAL SECRETARY'S letter to THE MARQUIS OF LORNE, respecting the dismissal of the HON. MR. LETELLIER from the Lieutenant-Governorship of Quebec. In our issue of the 11th instant we went very fully into this matter. The arrival of the despatch in full, does not demand fresh discussion of the subject, inasmuch as all the points which it raises, were fully treated in these columns. We may say here, however, that it is now settled beyond any dispute, that the Lieutenant-Governor of a province in Canada may dismiss his Ministers "from any cause he feels it incumbent upon him to do so." He has an "unquestionable constitutional right" to do this. The COLONIAL SECRETARY says, further, that a Lieutenant-Governor should not be dismissed "except for grave cause." When this is read alongside of the letter which was sent to MR. LETELLIER on the 25th of July assigning as the motive for the dismissal the fact that that gentleman's "usefulness has ceased," the heinousness of the outrage will be very apparent.