

1823.
December 3,
London.

Gourlay to Wilmot Horton. In consequence of a report that Hume had in the House of Commons complained of the ill usage to him (Gourlay) he wrote to him (Horton) that he would lay before the House of Commons not only a statement of grievances, but an exposé of the weakness and wickedness of the provincial government and for public reference the letter was printed. Had written also to Hume that he would attend in London as soon as required, but did not move expecting the arrival of deputies from Canada, sure that the Government bill would not be approved of. The deputies had arrived, but had only seen the Ministers in private. Objects in strong terms to the principles of the government in respect to emigration as being wasteful to the nation and as not securing any lasting benefit. The extent of the British Empire described, war is only suspended and despots may stir up strife; how by peaceful means Great Britain could secure the Empire of the world by the gradual establishment of free trade, with a grand system of emigration and the reform of the poor laws. The ignorance of the principles of emigration; instances the failures of Penn, Selkirk and another. His own views led to neglect and worse. His belief in the benefit of misfortunes as the price that must be paid for all that is excellent. Is sanguine of good even by telling him (Horton) that he is as blind as a bat with regard to the true principles of emigration. Page 167

Enclosed. Copies of correspondence with the Earl of Pembroke and others on the subject of emigration. 175

December 4,
Treasury.

Herries to Wilmot Horton. Transmits bill drawn by Robinson, superintendent of emigration from the South of Ireland, dated "Perth, Upper Canada," 18th October last, for Bathurst's consideration. 60

December 9,
War Office.

Merry to the same. Transmits letter from Greenwood, Cox & Co. To report if it is likely that the civil appointment of Lieut. Colonel Foster will exceed £383 per annum, as that amount would not preclude him from receiving his half-pay. 65

Enclosed. Greenwood, Cox & Co., to the Secretary at War. To authorize the issue of Colonel Foster's half-pay together with the pay of his civil appointment; which it is stated will not exceed £100 per annum. 66

December 16,
Musselburgh.

Galt to Wilmot Horton. Bishop Macdonell has lent him (Galt) the reports on Canadian Crown Lands. Sees ample means there to satisfy the claims if properly taken up; has called the attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the subject, the obstacles having chiefly arisen from the Treasury. The prejudiced statements made against the claims; shall regret if it become imperative to accuse any one. 249

December 30,
London.

Baring Brothers & Co. to Bathurst. Send power of Attorney to have the signature of Maitland attested. 138

No date.

Remarks on Hill's note on the prospect of raising money by the sale of land. 281