

would encourage landlords to incur the preliminary expenses of outfit and passage, who might be disinclined to make themselves responsible for the additional expense of the emigrants, until they could be so disposed of as to provide for their own subsistence. In the case of Colonel Wyndham's emigrants, that object was accomplished with facility and expedition; but such a result could not always be expected, and it would be an important object, if some arrangement could be made for confining the responsibility and charge of the landlord within the bounds which I have stated. As regards the details of any such scheme, the extent of the aid which would be required from the local Legislature to carry it into effect, and the nature of the proposal which it would be proper to submit to them, you will be best able to form an opinion when you shall have considered the subject on the spot. I shall therefore confine myself to these few observations, which will be sufficient to explain to you the nature of the measure, which it appears to me might be beneficially adopted; and I shall be glad if you will direct your attention to the subject, and report to me your opinion upon it.

I have, &c.

Right Hon. C. Poulett Thomson,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

No. 18.
Lord John Russell
to the Right Hon. C.
Poulett Thomson.
October 18, 1839.

(No. 26.)

No. 19.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to the Right Hon. C. POULETT THOMSON.

SIR,

Downing Street, 26th October, 1839.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Sir John Colborne's despatch, No. 118, of 27th September, inclosing two lists of prisoners convicted in Lower Canada of high treason, who have either had their sentences commuted for transportation for life, or have received conditional pardons.

The list of the former class of convicts consists of 58, who are stated by Sir John Colborne, to have been on the point of sailing for Australia from Quebec, in Her Majesty's ship Buffalo.

I have not been furnished with copies of the legal records applying to these cases, but I presume that the proper documents are on board the Buffalo, and that they have been prepared with that care, and under that legal advice, which will prevent any difficulty when the convicts shall arrive at their destination.

The list of prisoners who have received a conditional pardon, consists of 29, two who are named having been pardoned on the condition that they should leave the province for ever, and the remaining 27 having been recommended to the Governor's favourable consideration.

It only remains that I should convey to you the Queen's approval of the exercise of her prerogative of mercy in these cases.

I have, &c.

Right Hon. C. Poulett Thomson,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

No. 19.
Lord John Russell
to the Right Hon. C.
Poulett Thomson.
October 26, 1839.

(No. 27.)

No. 20.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to the Right Hon. C. POULETT THOMSON.

SIR,

Downing Street, 27th October, 1839.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Sir John Colborne's despatch (No. 117) of the 27th ult., reporting that he had authorized the continuance of the services of the detached companies of embodied Canadian militia on the St. Lawrence, and on the Niagara frontier, for a further period of six months.

I have, in reply, to convey to you my approval of this measure.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. C. Poulett Thomson,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

No. 20.
Lord John Russell
to the Right Hon. C.
Poulett Thomson.
October 27, 1839.