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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES,
OTTAWA, 16th September, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose herewith, for your information, copies of four Orders of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, one dated the 20th August last, and the other three dated severally the 13th instant.

The Order in Council of the 20th August authorizes the appointment of the Honorable F. G. Johnson, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Lower Canada, as a Commissioner to enquire into and report on the Laws of the Province of Manitoba, and also requests him to make a similar enquiry and report into the Laws of the North West Territories, and for the purpose of such reports Mr. Johnson is directed to put himself in communication with you.

By one of the Orders in Council of the 13th instant the appointment of the said Mr. Johnson as Recorder of the Province of Manitoba is recommended, and by another Order of that date, you are authorized to appoint Mr. Johnson Recorder of the portion of the North West Territory heretofore known as Rupert's Land, and of such other places where trade was carried on under the Hudson's Bay Company's Charter.

The third Order in Council of the 13th instant, grants Mr. Johnson leave of absence to enable him to proceed to Manitoba.

I have further to inform you that Mr. Johnson's Commissions as Commissioner and Recorder as aforesaid have been forwarded to him, and that he is about to proceed forthwith to Manitoba to enter upon his duties.

I have, &c.,

(Signed),

E. A. MEREDITH,

Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Honorable A. G. Archibald,
Lieut.-Governor, Fort Garry.

P.S.—Copies of Mr. Johnson's Commissions are transmitted herewith.

FORT GARRY, 7th October, 1870.

SIR,—I beg to acquaint you that I have received your Despatch, No. 395, dated 16th September 1870, covering four Orders in Council, one dated 20th August, the other three dated respectively, 13th September last; also copies of two Commissions, one appointing the Honorable Francis G. Johnson, Recorder of Manitoba, the other appointing him Special Commissioner to enquire into the state of the Laws and other matters connected with the administration of Justice in Rupert's Land and the North West Territory.

I may add that Mr. Johnson is expected here, in the Hudson's Bay Company's Steamer, which runs between Frog Point and this place, and, which may be expected here to-morrow.

I have, &c.,

(Signed),

ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD.

To the Secretary of State for the Provinces,
Ottawa.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES,
OTTAWA, 31st October, 1870.

(No. 395.) SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 14, of the 7th instant, reporting the receipt of my letter of the 16th