

on a pension. In conformity with the decision of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, your Lordship will be at liberty, should you be of opinion that no inconvenience will thence arise to the public, to accept Mr. Reid's resignation in the event of its being again tendered, and to grant to him a retired allowance of 732*l.* per annum. On Mr. Reid's retirement it will devolve on your Lordship to select, from the members of the legal profession in Lower Canada, the person who may appear to your Lordship the best fitted to succeed to the situation now held by Mr. Reid, subject, of course, to Her Majesty's confirmation of his appointment.

No. 5.  
Lord Glenelg to the  
Earl of Durham,  
25 March 1838.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Glenelg.*

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Enclosure 1, in No. 5.

Sir,

Downing-street, 19 Feb. 1838.

I AM directed by Lord Glenelg to transmit to you herewith, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the copy of a despatch from the Earl of Gosford, dated 14 November 1836, enclosing a memorial from Mr. Reid, chief justice of the district of Montreal, praying to be allowed to retire from that situation on a pension.

Encl. 1, in No. 5.

At the time when this despatch was received, the situation of the government in Lower Canada made it impossible to comply with Mr. Reid's request, and an intimation to that effect was communicated to him through the Earl of Gosford.

Lord Glenelg, however, is convinced that Mr. Reid's long services, and his present advanced age and infirmities, entitle his claim to retirement to favourable consideration, and that it would be very conducive to the public interests that it should be conceded.

I am therefore to request that you will move the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to sanction the grant to Mr. Reid, out of the casual and territorial revenues of the Crown in Lower Canada, of such a retiring allowance as his services may entitle him to receive.

The length of Mr. Reid's services as judge is stated in the petition accompanying Lord Gosford's despatch to have amounted at that date to nearly 30 years, and the salary which Mr. Reid would resign, on retiring from office, amounts to 1,100*l.* sterling per annum.

I have, &c.

A. Y. Spearman, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

(signed) *J. Stephen.*

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Enclosure 2, in No. 5.

Sir,

Treasury Chambers, 8 March 1838.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having had under their consideration the despatch from Lord Gosford of the 14th November 1836, covering a memorial from Mr. Reid, chief justice of the district of Montreal, setting forth his advanced age and services, transmitted with your letter of the 19th ultimo, I am commanded by their Lordships to request you will acquaint Lord Glenelg that they are prepared, in concurrence with his Lordship's recommendation, to sanction the issue to Mr. Reid of such allowance on his retirement, not exceeding 732*l.* per annum, as his Lordship may see fit to authorize the Governor of Lower Canada to grant, out of the casual and territorial revenue of the Crown in that province.

Encl. 2, in No. 5.

I am, &c.

James Stephen, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

(signed) *A. Y. Spearman.*

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—No. 6.—

(No. 8.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord *Glenelg* to the Earl of *Durham*, G.C.B.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 3 April 1838.

No. 6.

I HAVE the honour herewith to transmit to your Lordship four commissions under the great seal, by which Her Majesty has been pleased to appoint you to be the Governor and Captain-general of the provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, of New Brunswick and of Prince Edward Island. A similar commission, appointing your Lordship to the corresponding offices in Nova Scotia, has already been transmitted to the Lieutenant-governor of that province. I also transmit a separate commission, by which your Lordship is constituted Governor-general of all Her Majesty's North American provinces, including the island of Newfoundland, and Her Majesty's High Commissioner for the investigation of certain questions depending in the Canadian provinces.

Lord Glenelg to the  
Earl of Durham,  
3 April 1838.