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EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Major-general Sir *John Colborne*, K.C.B., to
Lord Goderich, Upper Canada, York, 24 November 1831.

MOST of the pensioners who came out this season are clearing their land, and have proved industrious settlers; but much inconvenience has arisen from their arriving here without any previous notification of the sums due to them. If their pensions were continued for two years after they are placed on their land, their passage contracted for, and a sum advanced to enable them to go on their lots, they might be allowed to commute their pensions with great advantage to themselves and to this province.

Sir J. Colborne to
Lord Goderich,
 24 Nov. 1831.

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EXTRACT from Mr. *Buchanan's* REPORT ON EMIGRATION, enclosed in *Lord Aylmer's* Despatch, 17 December 1831, No. 91.

ABOUT 1,100 pensioners came out this year, who, with their families, may be computed at 3,500 persons; the chief part of them had commuted their pensions for four years' pay, and a free grant of land; about 250 of these pensioners, with their families, have remained in the province of Lower Canada, of whom near 100 families are settled in the townships of Inverness, Leeds and Ireland; some mechanics from amongst them remain in this city and Montreal, and are doing well. About 750 are gone to Upper Canada, and 150 have returned to the United Kingdom; these latter were principally single men, and on the whole the most worthless.

Extract from Mr.
Buchanan's Report
 on Emigration.

The amount of actual cash capital brought into the province by these pensioners was very considerable, for, in addition to what they possessed on landing, 40,000*l.* was paid them here in specie by the Commissary-general. I passed particular observation on the general habits and disposition of all those pensioners who came under my view, and from the conclusion I am of opinion, that three out of five will do tolerably well. In many instances I am sorry to record, that amongst these the heads of families are given to drunkenness, yet if they have grown up children there is not so much chance of improvidence or want. It is to be regretted that in sending out these pensioners some regulated system had not been previously determined upon: much of the resources of these poor people was completely mispent in delays and uncertainty.

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N. 70.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from *Lord Aylmer* to *Lord Goderich*, dated Castle of
 St. Lewis, Quebec, 20 August 1832.

My Lord,

I TAKE leave to transmit herewith for your Lordship's information a copy of a letter addressed by me to the Secretary of the Treasury, and of a letter also addressed to him by Mr. Commissary-general Routh, on the subject of Pensioners, who, having commuted their pensions, come out to Canada to establish themselves in this country.

Lord Aylmer to
Viscount Goderich,
 20 August 1832.

I have little or nothing to add at present for the information of your Lordship on the subject of the letters above mentioned. Very few of the pensioners apply themselves to industrious occupations after their arrival in Canada; and there is some reason to suppose that many of them find their way back to the United Kingdom after having squandered the whole of their commutation-money at Quebec and Montreal.

I have, &c.
 (signed) *Aylmer*.