

ment that an Act should be passed, giving to the Provincial Legislature full authority to make such alterations as they may think fit in the existing arrangements with regard to the Clergy Reserves, providing that existing interests are respected.

I have now to inform your Lordship, with reference to the above communication, that, from the meeting of Parliament up to the present time, business of so much urgency has occupied the attention of the House of Commons that it has hitherto been impossible for Her Majesty's servants to submit to that House a measure for giving effect to the wishes of the people of Canada on this subject, as expressed by their representatives, and that the remaining portion of the present session would not afford a sufficient opportunity for the discussion of a measure of so much importance, and upon which it is probable there may be much difference of opinion. In these circumstances Her Majesty's servants are compelled to postpone to another session the introduction of the Bill, to which, in accordance with the intention they have expressed, it is their intention to ask the assent of Parliament.

It has not been without great reluctance that we have decided upon thus delaying the proposal of a measure for which it appears that much anxiety is felt by the people of Canada; but, on the other hand, it has appeared to us that it would be better to incur even this delay, greatly as we have regretted it, than to bring the subject under the consideration of Parliament until it should be in our power to do so in the manner best calculated to ensure the success of the measure which we shall propose.

I trust that it will be practicable to submit this measure to Parliament early in the next session.

I have to instruct your Lordship to communicate this despatch to both Houses of Parliament of Canada.

The Earl of Elgin,
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GREY.

(No. 624.)

No. 4.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from EARL GREY to the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, July 18, 1851.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch* No. 85, of the 25th ultimo, transmitting an address from the Legislative Council of Canada on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, and I have to acquaint your Lordship that I have duly laid this address before the Queen.

* Page 10.

The Earl of Elgin,
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GREY.

(No. 625.)

No. 5.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from EARL GREY to the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, July 18, 1851.

I HAVE received your Lordship's despatch, No. 86,* of the 25th of June, enclosing the copy of a protest by certain members of the Legislative Council against the address of that body to Her Majesty, transmitted in your despatch, No. 85, of 25th ultimo.

* Page 11.

The Earl of Elgin,
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GREY.