

* *Vide* House of Commons Paper, No. 247, of 1856, page 39.

Inquiry appointed by you, I have not reduced the amount of the aid required from Parliament this year below that indicated in my Despatch, No. 42,* of the 21st of February last. I enclose a copy of the estimate, in the form in which it will be submitted to Parliament. You will see that the same sums are inserted for salaries as last year; that the amount asked for pensions corresponds with the return contained in the report now received from you; and that a small addition is made to the sum taken last year for provisions and gunpowder, in order to provide for the cost of rather more than 500 blankets, to be given to aged Indians. No item is inserted this year for contingencies, as it is considered that they ought to be provided for out of local resources.

I have, &c.
(signed) *H. Labouchere.*

Enclosure in No. 3.

ESTIMATE of the Amount required to defray the Expenses of the Indian Department, *Canada*, for the Year ending the 31st of March 1858.

Three Thousand One Hundred Pounds.

	£.	s.	d.
Salaries - - - - -	2,255	-	-
Pensions - - - - -	215	-	-
Provisions and gunpowder for the use of Indians who live by the chase - - - - -	630	-	-
Blankets for aged Indians - - - - -			
	£.	3,100	- -

The amount of this Estimate last year was 4,713*l.* The following reductions have been made:—

	£.	s.	d.
Pensions - - - - -	15	-	-
Presents - - - - -	1,100	-	-
Office hire, contingencies, &c. - - - - -	750	-	-
	£.	1,865	- -
Added for blankets to aged Indians - - - - -	252	-	-
Net Decrease - - - - -	£.	1,613	- -

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No. 4.
Right Hon. H. Labouchere, M.P.,
to Governor General
Sir E. Head, Bart.
7 January 1857.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable *H. Labouchere*, M.P., to Governor General Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 7 January 1857.

I HAVE received your Despatch, No. 171,* of the 20th of December, accompanied by an estimate of the expense of the Indian Department for the year ending the 31st of March 1858.

In order to avoid inconvenience to the department I will adopt this estimate for the approaching year, instead of the one contained in my recent despatch, No. 6,† of the 2d of January. But you will understand, that after the evidence which has now been given of the ample resources which may be drawn from the Indian

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