

territories being so closely connected, it becomes even more essential that I should have the immediate answer of your Government, whether it is their intention or not to try the validity of the Charter by *scire facias*, and if such is their intention, whether they will at once either send a delegate or in any other manner initiate the necessary proceedings.

I have, &c.
(Signed) E. B. LYTTON.

The Right Hon. Sir E. Head, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

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Copy of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Sir EDWARD BULWER LYTTON Bart. to the Right Honourable Sir EDMUND HEAD Bart.

(No. 51.)

SIR,

Downing Street, 1st April 1859.

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WITH reference to my despatch, No. 43,* of the 18th March, relative to the affairs of the Hudson's Bay Company, I transmit to you herewith copy of the letter from the Company declining the extension of their licence for two years. This letter completes the correspondence with the Company to the present date.

I have &c.

(Signed) H. MERIVALE.

(In the absence of the Secretary of State.)

The Right Hon. Sir E. Head, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.
