

CANADA.
(PUBLIC CREDIT, CANADA.)

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 10 June 1847;—for,

“ COPIES of the CORRESPONDENCE of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies with *F. A. Harper*, Esquire, and *Peter Buchanan*, Esquire, or the Governor-General of *Canada*, respecting certain Statements on the subject of the PUBLIC CREDIT of the Province of *Canada*, contained in a Memorial presented in March last to the Right Honourable Lord *John Russell*, relative to a project for the Colonization of *Canada* by Emigration from *Ireland*.”

Colonial Office, Downing-street, }
24 June 1847.

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(No. 59.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl *Grey* to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Elgin*.

My Lord, Downing-street, 19 April 1847.

WITH reference to my Despatch, No. 47, of 1st inst., in which I transmitted to your Lordship a Memorial addressed to Lord John Russell advocating a systematic plan of emigration as a means of affording relief to Ireland, I enclose, for your Lordship’s information, the accompanying copies of a letter and of its enclosures on the subject, from Messrs. Harper and Buchanan, together with a copy of the answer which I have caused to be returned to them.

No. 1.
Earl Grey to the Earl of Elgin.
19 April 1847.

This correspondence, as your Lordship will observe, affords another proof that, however praiseworthy the object of the authors of the Memorial, and whatever may be the talent with which it is written, it has been drawn up without due consideration, and upon very imperfect and inaccurate information. In the event of any representation being made to you in reference to those passages in the Memorial, which are adverted to by Messrs. Harper and Buchanan, your Lordship will be at liberty to give publicity to this correspondence in any form which you may consider most desirable.

Messrs. Harper & Buchanan, 12 April.
Colonial Office;
19 April.

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

Enclosure 1, in Lord *Grey*’s Despatch.

COPY of a Letter from *T. A. Harper* and *P. Buchanan*, Esquires, to Earl *Grey*.

My Lord, 12, Craven-street, Strand, 13 April 1847.

Encl. 1, in Lord Grey’s Despatch.

WE beg leave most respectfully to submit to your Lordship’s notice the sub-joined extracts from a Memorial lately presented to the Right honourable Lord John Russell, as First Lord of the Treasury, to which several noblemen and gentlemen of great eminence as Peers and Members of the Imperial Parliament, have authorized their signatures to be attached.

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We do so under a conviction that the statements therein contained, emanating from such parties, and addressed to the head of Her Majesty’s Government, are calculated to have a most pernicious effect on the welfare and advancement of the Province of Canada, and on the relations of that colony with Great Britain.

We solicit, in particular, your Lordship’s attention to the statement, “that the former Province of Upper Canada was once in default with its public creditor.”

We were not aware, when this statement attracted our notice, of any circumstance which could justify it, and we applied for information and explanation to the Honourable John Henry Dunn. Mr. Dunn was, for 24 years, and up to the union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, the Receiver-general of
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