

Notaries enabled to call meetings of relations, &c.

or to vacant estates, and other matters which require such counsel and advice.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Lacoste* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable Notaries to call meetings of relatives and friends, in certain cases, without being thereunto specially appointed or authorized by a J. P.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Wednesday, the eighth day of January next.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker*, three Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. *Speaker*, all the Members being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly, in reply to an Address of the 12th instant, respecting the Office of Chief or Civil Secretary, that in reference to the representation regarding that office, contained in the Address of the Legislative Assembly to the Queen, relating to the Civil List, Her Majesty's Secretary of State has observed that the altered footing on which the office of Civil Secretary had been placed, previously to the receipt of the Address by His Lordship, precluded the necessity of any reply upon that subject.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, copies of the several Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, enumerated in the annexed Schedule.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

SCHEDULE of DESPATCHES accompanying the Governor General's Message to the House of Assembly, of the 16th December, 1844.

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
	1843.	
118	17 Nov.	In reply to the Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly on the Birth of Princess Alice.
130	22 "	With Prince Albert's Replies to the Addresses on the Birth of Princess Alice.
132	2 Dec.	In reply to the joint Address on the Seat of Government.
143	21 "	In reply to the Address to the Queen on the Duties charged on Foreign Publications.
	1844	
Ex-27	Mar.	Communicating the decision of Her Majesty's Government on the Reserved Bill, regarding the admission of Land Surveyors in Upper Canada; the Bill relating to the Market Block in the Town of Niagara; and that regulating the navigation of the river St. Lawrence.
201	18 Apr.	Respecting the Reserve Bill for securing the Independence of the Legislative Council.
Ex-27	Mar.	Respecting the Reserved Bill for securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly.
Ex-27	"	Reserved Bill for the discouragement of Secret Societies, —decision on reported.

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No. 118.

DOWNING STREET,  
17th November, 1843.

SIR,

I have laid before the Queen the Addresses to Her Majesty on the Birth of Her Royal Highness the Princess *Alice*, adopted by the House of Assembly of *Canada*, in their present Session, and enclosed in your Despatch, No. 95, of the 16th October.

I have received Her Majesty's Commands to instruct you to assure the House of Assembly, that Her Majesty has received with much gratification this renewed expression of the attachment of that House to Her Majesty's Person, and of their sympathy with Her Majesty's feelings.

I have transmitted to Prince *Albert* the Address to His Royal Highness, which was also enclosed in your Despatch, No. 95, of the 16th October.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Governor,

The Right Honourable  
Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart.,  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 130.

DOWNING STREET,  
29th November, 1843.

SIR,

With reference to my Despatches, Nos. 118 and 119, of the 17th instant, I enclose herewith the replies of Prince *Albert* to the Addresses to His Royal Highness, from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of *Canada*, on the occasion of the Birth of Her Royal Highness the Princess *Alice*; and I have to request that you will cause them to be delivered to the respective *Speakers* of those Houses.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable

Sir CHARLES METCALFE, Bart.,  
G. C. B., &c., &c., &c.

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No. 132.

DOWNING STREET,  
2nd December, 1843.

SIR,

I have laid before the Queen, the joint Address of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, enclosed in your Despatch of the 10th November, 1843, No. 123, in which the Houses of the Provincial Parliament submit to the Queen their opinion, that it is expedient that the Seat of Her Majesty's Provincial Government for *Canada* should be at the City of *Montreal*, and assure Her Majesty that upon Her Majesty, in the gracious exercise of Her Royal Prerogative, giving directions for the location of it at that place, the Houses pledge themselves to provide the necessary supply for the expenditure which may be expected to attend the Establishment of the Seat of Government at that City.

The Queen having taken this Address into Her consideration, and adverting to the terms of the Act of the Imperial Parliament for re-uniting the Provinces of *Upper* and