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(No. 576.)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES, OTTAWA, 19th November, 1870.

Str.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 26, dated No. 491. 22nd ultimo, enclosing copy of an Act or Ordinance passed by the Lieutenant-Governor and Council of Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territories, for the prevention of small pox.

The Ordinance seems well adapted for the purpose for which it was enacted, and the only question is as to the authority to pass it. On this subject I would refer to the observations in my Despatch to you of the 17th instant on the appointment of Messrs. Johnson, Smith and Brelan, as His Excellency the Governor General desires to be informed as to the nature and extent of the authority under which you are acting.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant, (Signed),

Joseph Howe, Secretary of State.

The Honorable A. G. Archibald, Lieutenant-Governor, Fort Garry.

(No. 577.)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES, OTTAWA, 19th November, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, for the information of His No. 491. Excellency the Governor General, a copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-22nd Oct., Governor of Manitoba, covering a copy of an Ordinance passed by the Lieutenant 1870. Governor in Council, of Rupert's Land and the North-West Territories, providing against the introduction of the small-pox into the Province of Manitoba,

together with a copy of my reply thereto.

19th Nov., 1870 I also enclose a printed copy of the Ordinance in question.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed),

Joseph Howe, Secretary of State.

F. Turville, Esq., Governor's Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

(No. 5.)

NORTH-WESTERN TERRITORY, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FORT GARRY, 7th December, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 576, under No. 59. date the 19th ult., referring to a copy of an Act or Ordinance on the subject of small-pox in the North-Western Territories, transmitted to you by me in Despatch No. 26, of the 22nd ultimo, and asking for certain information as to the authority for passing the Act.

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