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Sir G. ARTHUR, K.C.H.

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Sir G. Arthur.
12th June, 1839.

SIR,

Downing-street, 12th June, 1839.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches of the 17th April and 7th May, (Nos. 90 and 100), reporting the steps which you had taken for liberating an additional number of the prisoners concerned in the attacks on Upper Canada; and the effect which had been produced by this and your former act of clemency, both on the prisoners themselves and on their fellow-citizens.

I have read these Despatches with much interest. The spirit in which your clemency has been received sufficiently vindicates the wisdom of your proceedings, and, combined as it has been with some examples of necessary severity, can scarcely fail either to abate the disposition to renew these outrages, or at least to justify to the world at large any measures of a sterner character which it may hereafter become necessary to take for the prevention of them.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NORMANBY.

Sir G. Arthur, K.C.H.,
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As I am aware of your anxiety to be informed of the measures contemplated by Her Majesty's Government for the settlement of the affairs of Canada, I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the departure of the Liverpool steam-vessel to communicate with you on the subject.

It has been the intention of Her Majesty's Government to introduce into Parliament the Bill, of which I enclose you a copy, and which, if agreed to, would have re-united the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and would have made effectual provision for their future Government. Late events, however, and especially the recent proceedings in the Legislature of Upper Canada, of which intelligence was received on the 3rd instant, have induced Her Majesty's Ministers so far to modify this Bill as to defer for the present those provisions which relate to the re-union of the Provinces and their future Government. Accordingly the Bill will be divided into two parts—the first extending the authority of the Special Council of Lower Canada, and prolonging its existence to the year 1842; the second providing for the future re-union of the Canadian Provinces on the principles of a free and representative Government. The first Bill only will be immediately pressed on the attention of Parliament, and will, I trust, meet with their concurrence. The second will be brought in, but will not be proceeded with during the present session, nor until the Legislative Council and Assembly of Upper Canada, and the Special Council of Lower Canada shall have had an opportunity of communicating to Her Majesty's Government their views respecting it.

I shall take an early opportunity of communicating with you further on this subject, and of apprising you of the proceedings in the Imperial Parliament. My present communication is necessarily restricted to a mere indication of the intentions of Her Majesty's Government, but I could not allow this opportunity to pass without apprising you of them.

(Signed) I have, &c.
NORMANBY.

Sir G. Arthur, K.C.H.,
&c. &c. &c.