

(Copy—No. 36.)

DOWNING STREET,

29th November, 1854.

My Lord,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 40, of the 12th of October last, transmitting an Address to the Queen, from the House of Assembly of Canada, praying for the repeal of certain clauses of two Acts of the Imperial Parliament, enabling persons residing in the United Kingdom to make proof of Debts or claims on parties or property in Her Majesty's Colonies in America, by Oath or Declaration, in the manner provided in the said Acts.

It is necessary that Her Majesty's Government, before any Bill can be introduced into Parliament for this purpose, should be made aware of the reasons for which this repeal is required, which was not stated in your Despatch. A report from the law advisers of your Government, would probably be the most convenient form in which these could be given.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) G. GREY.

Governor the EARL of ELGIN and KINCARDINE,
&c., &c., &c.

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EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTRY OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE.

“Colonial Secretary.—Despatch from—on the subject of the Assembly Address, for repeal of certain Imperial Enactments relative to proof of Debts in the Colonies.—Referred to Mr. Attorney General Drummond on the 8th March, 1856.”

Truly Extracted.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE,

Clerk, Executive Council.