

No. 17.
 Lord J. Russell to
 the Right Hon. C.
 Poulett Thomson.
 October 16, 1839.

You will understand, and will cause it to be made generally known, that hereafter the tenure of colonial offices held during Her Majesty's pleasure, will not be regarded as equivalent to a tenure during good behaviour; but that not only such officers will be called upon to retire from the public service as often as any sufficient motives of public policy may suggest the expediency of that measure, but that a change in the person of the governor will be considered as a sufficient reason for any alterations which his successor may deem it expedient to make in the list of public functionaries, subject of course to the future confirmation of the sovereign.

These remarks do not extend to judicial offices, nor are they meant to apply to places which are altogether ministerial, and which do not devolve upon the holders of them duties, in the right discharge of which the character and policy of the government are directly involved. They are intended to apply rather to the heads of departments than to persons serving as clerks or in similar capacities under them. Neither do they extend to officers in the service of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. The functionaries who will be chiefly, though not exclusively, affected by them, are the Colonial Secretary, the Treasurer, or Receiver-general, the Surveyor-General, the Attorney and Solicitor-General, the Sheriff or Provost Marshal, and other officers, who, under different designations from these, are entrusted with the same or similar duties. To this list must also be added the members of the council, especially in those colonies in which the Legislative and Executive Councils are distinct bodies.

The application of these rules to officers to be hereafter appointed will be attended with no practical difficulty. It may not be equally easy to enforce them in the case of existing officers, and especially of those who may have left this country for the express purpose of accepting the offices they at present fill. Every reasonable indulgence must be shown for the expectations which such persons have been encouraged to form. But even in these instances it will be necessary that the right of enforcing these regulations should be distinctly maintained in practice, as well as in theory, as often as the public good may clearly demand the enforcement of them. It may not be unadvisable to compensate any such officers for their disappointment, even by pecuniary grants, when it may appear unjust to dispense with their services, without such an indemnity.

I have, &c.

(Signed.) J. RUSSELL.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to the Right Hon. C. POULETT THOMSON.

SIR,

Downing-street, 18th October, 1839.

I am anxious to bring under your notice the enclosed communication which I have received from Sir George Arthur, in which he reports the success which has attended the measures adopted by Colonel Wyndham, for providing for a large body of emigrants, whom he has lately sent out to Upper Canada, from his estates in Clare and Limerick.

The prosperous condition in which these persons have been placed by the well directed generosity of Colonel Wyndham, will probably induce many other landlords, especially in Ireland, to imitate his example. With a view to encourage similar undertakings, I have instructed the emigration agent-general, to give publicity to the statement received respecting Colonel Wyndham's emigrants, and to lend every assistance in furtherance of similar experiments. Beyond this, I fear that it is not in the power of the Government to extend their co-operation, from the want of funds; but fully concurring in the opinion expressed by Sir George Arthur, as to the importance of encouraging colonization from this country to the Canadas, I am unwilling to neglect any means by which it may be promoted. The local Legislature may do much to forward this object, by affording the pecuniary assistance which might be required for organizing and working a scheme for the location in the province of settlers from the mother country. The knowledge that provision was made for their reception on their arrival, and for their being allocated where their labour might be at once profitably employed,

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