

No. 8.

Mr. Hammond to Sir F. Rogers.

Sir,

Foreign Office, January 21, 1861.

I HAVE laid before Lord John Russell your letter of the 17th instant, inclosing a copy of a letter from Sir E. Head respecting the case of the fugitive slave Anderson.

I am to request that you will state to the Duke of Newcastle, in reply, that Lord John Russell presumes that his Grace's instructions to the officer administering the Government in Canada, of which a copy was inclosed in your letter of the 14th instant, will reach that officer before the time in February mentioned by the Governor-General; and, if so, his Lordship thinks the only thing now necessary is, to desire the Acting Governor to facilitate the action of any officer of the Court of Queen's Bench at Westminster sent to bring the prisoner to England.

I am, &c.

(Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 9.

Mr. Elliot to Mr. Hammond.—(Received February 2.)

Sir,

Downing Street, February 1, 1861.

WITH reference to your letter of the 21st instant, I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to transmit to you, for the information of Lord John Russell, the inclosed copy of a despatch which his Grace addressed on the 17th ultimo to the officer administering the Government of Canada, respecting the issue of a writ of *habeas corpus* by the Court of Queen's Bench in this country in the case of the fugitive slave Anderson.

I have, &c.

(Signed) T. FREDK. ELLIOT.

Inclosure in No. 9.

The Duke of Newcastle to the Officer administering the Government of Canada.

Sir,

Downing Street, January 17, 1861.

YOU will perceive by a newspaper, of which I inclose a copy, that the Court of Queen's Bench in this country has issued a writ of *habeas corpus* requiring that the fugitive slave Anderson now in custody at Brantford or Toronto should be sent to England.

The writ is supposed to be directed to the sheriff or jailer in whose custody Anderson at present is, and it is, therefore, possible that you may not be called upon to take any action in the matter. But in the event of your being called upon to do so, I think it advisable to instruct you that you are at liberty to follow such advice as you may receive from your Law Advisers after full consultation with them.

I have, &c.

(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

No. 10.

Lord Lyons to Lord J. Russell.—(Received February 25.)

My Lord,

Washington, February 12, 1861.

A RESOLUTION was moved yesterday in the Senate by Mr. Green, Senator for Missouri, that "the President of the United States be requested (if not incompatible with the public interest) to communicate to the Senate a copy of any correspondence which may have taken place between this Government