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Despatches from Governor General the Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Earl of ELGIN to Earl GREY.

Government House, Toronto,
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MY LORD,

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I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith, for your Lordship's perusal, the copy of a communication which has been addressed by the chief agent of immigration to the provincial secretary, and I request your Lordship's attention to the statements therein made with respect to certain immigrants from South Uist.

2d Sept. 1851.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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SIR,

Emigration Dépôt, Quebec,
September 2, 1851.

I HAD the honour of addressing you on the 11th ultimo, respecting several parties of paupers which were being shipped by certain unions in Ireland. I have now received advices from the guardians of the Kilrush Union of their having shipped 324 paupers at Limerick, and remitted to this department the sum of 222*l*. 3*s*. sterling, to be divided as follows:

Male adults	-	-	-	12 <i>s</i> . sterling each.
Female adults	-	-	-	15 <i>s</i> . "
Children	-	-	-	6 <i>s</i> . "

The Ennistymon Union has also sent out 374 paupers from the same port, remitting 247*l*. 7*s*. sterling, to be divided in like proportions as those directed by the Kilrush Union. The guardians have also requested that I would send these parties forward to whatever part of the province would afford the best prospect of employment, and pay them over any balance which may be left on arrival at their final destination.

During the past week the "Brooksby" with 231 adult emigrants, and the "Montezuma" with 336 adults, have arrived from Loch Brisdale. These people are a portion of 2,000 emigrants whom Colonel Gordon has contracted to send out from his property in South Uist this fall. From the statements made by these people, they were promised to be sent on free to Hamilton, and furnished with a certain amount of provisions on arrival there; but from information received from the agents here of Messrs. Reid and Murray (the party who contracted with Colonel Gordon for their transport to this port) it appears that the emigrants on board these ships were only to be provided with a passage to Quebec, and on arrival here to be left to their own resources. Not having received any communication whatever from the parties connected with the emigration of these people, I have no means of ascertaining the circumstances under which they have been sent out, beyond these statements. Out of 725 souls on board these two vessels, not more than 10 or 15 could speak English; and as they all landed here under the impression that they were to be sent free to Hamilton, I have forwarded them free to that port, at a cost of 10*s*. each adult, and have given Mr. Hawke timely notice of their departure herefrom.

Three other ships with about 1,200 souls may be expected in the course of this month from the same quarter, and, as the whole probably will have been sent out under the same circumstances (the more objectionable as they will arrive at so late a period of the year), presenting a strong contrast to those under which Sir James Matheson sent out a similar class of emigrants, he having defrayed the entire cost of their emigration and inland transport to their ultimate destination, his Excellency may deem it proper that some