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of CANADA.

(No. 67.)

— No. 1. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from Major-general Sir *George Arthur*, K.C.H., to
Lord *Glenelg*.

My Lord,

Upper Canada, Toronto, 30 March 1839.

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SINCE the opening of the present session of the Provincial Parliament, no business of much public importance has been transacted in either House, and nothing brought to a close, except a motion in the House of Assembly on the state of the province.

Sir G. Arthur to
Lord Glenelg,
30 March 1839.

On the 23d instant, the Assembly passed on this subject the following Resolutions:—

First. That the division of Canada into two provinces was an injudicious measure.

Second. That an United Legislature for the Canadas is indispensable.

Third. That one or more authorized agents, deputed by the House, should proceed forthwith to England.

On the 27th, it was further resolved, that the House is distinctly opposed to a Legislative Union, unless the conditions embodied in a series of fourteen Resolutions be fully carried out by the Imperial Parliament.

Of these Resolutions, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy.

The sending of authorized agents "to represent the true interests and opinions of Her Majesty's faithful subjects," does appear to me to be a very unnecessary expense; as Her Majesty's Government have already before them all the information on the subject that can be desired.

The clergy reserve question is now under the consideration of the House, and I trust that in some way or other it will be disposed of.

I have, &c.

(signed) *George Arthur*.

Enclosure in No. 1.

RESOLUTIONS passed by the HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY and sent to the Honourable the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for their concurrence, on the subject of an Union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

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Saturday, 23d March 1839.

Resolved,—That, during the last Session of the Legislature, a series of Resolutions was adopted by this House, attributing the chief causes of the evils under which these Provinces have suffered to the injudicious division of Canada into two Provinces, which, with an Address dated 26th February 1838, were transmitted to the Home Government, praying for the adoption of such measures as would carry the same into effect.

Vide Papers relative to the Affairs of Canada, ordered to be printed 4 May 1838, No. 337, page 177.

Resolved,—That the experience of the past year confirms this House in the opinions then expressed, and they are still of the same opinion, that an United Legislature for the Canadas, on the terms then proposed, is indispensable; and that further delay must prove ruinous to the best interests of the Canadas.

Resolved,—That as measures deeply affecting the future interests of this Province are now pending before the Imperial Parliament, it is of the utmost importance that one or more authorized agents, deputed by this House, should proceed forthwith to England to represent the true interests and opinions of Her Majesty's faithful subjects residing in Upper Canada.

Wednesday, 27th March 1839.

Resolved,—That in reference to the Resolutions of this House on the subject of a Legislative Union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, this House is distinctly opposed