

I am convinced, be made without hazarding on either Side the Loss or the Diminution of that mutual Confidence with which it is our Duty to co-operate, for the Advancement of the King's Service and the general Welfare of His Majesty's Subjects.

I desire to express my Approbation of the Spirit and Manner in which you conduct your official Intercourse with the House of Assembly,—temperate, judicious, and self-possessed; meeting their Wishes cordially whenever you are able, and when you think yourself precluded from so doing, announcing to them frankly and courteously, your Opinion and Determination.

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Lord Glenelg
to
Sir F. B. Head,
22d March 1836.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord GLENELG to Sir F. B. HEAD, K. C. H.

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Sir,

Downing Street, 22d March 1836.

I HAVE received your Despatch dated the 5th of February, No. 4., on the Subject of the domestic and pecuniary Difficulties by which you are encountered in the Administration of the Government of Upper Canada.

I admit without Reserve, that when I had the Honour to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that this high Trust should be offered to your Acceptance, no political Connexion or personal Acquaintance subsisted between us. You were known to me only by your general Reputation, and by the Reports of those who had enjoyed the Opportunity of estimating your Qualifications for the Conduct of public Affairs. Having met on these Terms, I further acknowledge, that in our Conversations before you quitted England you urgently and repeatedly communicated to me your Apprehension, that in succeeding an Officer of Military Rank so much above your own, and in appearing as Lieutenant Governor of the Province denuded of many of those Indications of Authority which he had borne, you would labour under grave Disadvantages. Whether you also insisted on the probable Inadequacy of your official Income to your inevitable Expenditure, my Memory is not equally clear; but I attach greater Weight to your Recollections than my own of what then passed between us, and am willing to consider the Subject now, on the Assumption that before your Departure from England this Difficulty was distinctly foreseen and intimated by you.

The Question respecting a permanent Aide-de-camp has, I am happy to say, been adjusted according to your Wishes and Recommendation; a Provision for that Charge has been introduced into the annual Estimate, and has been sanctioned by the House of Commons.

The Necessity of supplying the Deficiency in your Military Rank by some Accession to your Civil Honours, was brought under the Consideration of the King on the Eve of your Departure for America, when His Majesty was graciously pleased to promote you in the Guelphic Order. I would cheerfully refer to your own more mature Judgment the Question, whether, under such Circumstances, I could with Propriety submit to the King my Advice to transmit to you a Patent for a still higher Dignity. The Value (because the Significancy) of such Honours depends chiefly on the Occasion on which they are bestowed, and the Motives which may appear to have suggested the Grant. Having proceeded to Upper Canada with one recent Mark of His Majesty's Favour, if you should receive a Second within a few Weeks from your Assumption of the Government, so precipitate an Eagerness to confer Rewards, at the very Commencement of your Service, must either appear unaccountable, or if the Fact that you had been raised to the Rank of a Baronet on the Receipt of your first Despatches from Upper Canada, in consequence of your having discovered and reported that this Dignity was necessary for the Support of your Influence there, were publicly avowed, the Object itself would be defeated by such an Avowal.

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