

Despatches from the Secretary of State.

— No. 1. —

(No. 130.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable *H. Labouchere*, M.P., to
Governor General Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 22 August 1856.

I HAVE to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 112,* of the 22d July, reporting the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into Indian Affairs in Canada.

My Despatch of the 11th July having crossed the one from you now under acknowledgment, it will be sufficient that I refer you, on the present occasion, to that Despatch.

I have, &c.
(signed) *H. Labouchere*.

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to Governor
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Sir *E. Head*, Bart.
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(No. 181.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable *H. Labouchere*, M.P., to
Governor General Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 8 December 1856.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 152,† of the 4th November, enclosing a copy of a Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Indians, on the Moravian Reserve in Western Canada.

I approve of your dealing with this reserve in the way you suggest, and you will therefore act upon the advice of the Commissioners, by directing the sale of the lands, and by applying the proceeds to the benefit of the Indians interested therein.

I have, &c.
(signed) *H. Labouchere*.

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Sir *E. Head*, Bart.
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(No. 6.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable *H. Labouchere*, M.P., to
Governor General Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 2 January 1857.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Despatch, No. 162,‡ of the 11th of December, accompanied by the annual report of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs. I have to acknowledge the useful information supplied by the statistical and other returns furnished with this report.

The fact of the very large amount produced by the first sale of Indian lands in the Saugeen Peninsula confirms the views which I have formerly expressed, of the propriety of calling on the Indian Department to provide for its own expenses out of the proceeds of Indian property. In order, however, to allow full time for preparing for the requisite changes, as well as to afford Her Majesty's Government an opportunity of considering the report of the Commission of

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