

RETURN of COPIES of the ACTS of the Parliaments of *Canada* and *Jamaica*, by which CIVIL DISABILITIES of the JEWS were removed; and also Copies of the CORRESPONDENCE between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Governors of such Colonies, in reference to the said Acts when the same were assented to.

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CANADA.

Despatches from the Governors.

— No. 1. —

(No. 52.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir *James Kempt* to Secretary the Right Honourable Sir *George Murray*.

(Answered, 3 November 1830, No. 8, page 11.)

Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 5 May 1829.

(Received, 17 July 1829.)

Sir,

I HAVE the honour herewith to transmit to you a certified copy of a Bill which passed the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, but which I have felt it my duty to reserve for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, for the reasons stated in the accompanying Report of the Attorney-general, to whom it was referred.

The Bill is intituled, "An Act to extend certain Privileges therein mentioned to Persons professing the Jewish Faith, and for the obviating certain inconveniences to which others of His Majesty's subjects might otherwise be exposed." But the Attorney-general is of opinion, that the provisions of the same are imperfectly and insufficiently framed, and not such as would be required to answer the purpose intended. He is also of opinion, that it is a Bill which necessarily requires the observance of the formalities required by the 42d section of the Act 31 Geo. 3, c. 31, by which the present constitution of Lower Canada was established."

I have, &c.

(signed) *James Kempt*.

No. 1.
Governor Sir
James Kempt
to Secretary Sir
G. Murray,
5 May 1829.

No. 607.

Enclosure 1, in No. 1.

Sir,

Quebec, 26 February 1829.

IN obedience to the commands of his Excellency the Administrator of the Government, I have perused a Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of this province, intituled, "An Act to extend certain Privileges therein mentioned to Persons professing the Jewish Faith, and for the obviating certain inconveniences to which others of His Majesty's subjects might otherwise be exposed;" and have now the honour of reporting my opinion on it, as required by his Excellency.

Encl. 1, in No. 1.

By the 42d section of the Act 31 Geo. 3, c. 31, by which the present constitution of Lower Canada was established, certain Acts passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, it is required, shall, previous to any signification of the King's Assent thereto, be laid before both Houses of Parliament in Great Britain; and it is declared that it shall not be lawful for his Majesty to signify his assent to such Acts till 30 days after the same shall have been laid before the said Houses, or to assent to any such Acts, in case either House of Parliament shall, within the said 30 days, address his Majesty to withhold his assent from such Acts; and by the same clause it is enacted, that no such Act shall be valid unless the Legislative Council and Assembly shall, in the session in which the same shall have been passed, have presented to the Governor an Address or Addresses, specifying that the Act contains provisions for some of the purposes in the said clause specially described, and desiring that, in