

By Mr. *Walsh*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Berlin*.

The Honorable Mr. *McDougall*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—
MONCK.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Copies of Despatches relative to the Provincial Volunteer Force lately embodied for service on the Frontier.

Government House,
Quebec, 13th February, 1865.

[Copy.]

QUEBEC, December 29th, 1864.

SIR,—Referring to my Despatches, noted in the margin, I have the honor to report, No. 199—Dec. 17th. that in pursuance of the General Order of the 19th December, the thirty
" 202— " 20th. Companies of Volunteers called out for duty have been embodied in three
" 205— " 24th. Administrative Battalions of ten Companies each, the Head-quarters of which are stationed respectively at *Windsor*, *Niagara* and *Laprairie*.

The Companies are all sixty-five strong, exclusive of officers.

You will perceive by the copies of the several General Orders, that the Companies have been so selected as to give all parts of the Province an opportunity of contributing to the force embodied.

I have also so arranged that the Volunteers from Eastern *Canada* should, as much as possible, be stationed in *Canada West*, and *vice versa*.

These modes of proceeding caused some slight delay in getting the force to its destination ; but I think it is not a little creditable to the Volunteers and to those who conducted the arrangements, that the first intimation the force received that their services would be required was by the General Order of December 19th, and that the three Battalions are now at their respective stations; some of the Companies of which they are composed having had to travel a distance of nearly seven hundred miles, in order to reach their destinations.

If it had not been that I wished to allow the men to spend Christmas day with their families, the operation would have been performed in even a shorter time.

I have not heard of a single case of misconduct amongst the men in the course of their journey, and I am informed that everything was conducted with as much order and regularity as could have been expected, had the battalions been composed of regular troops.

I have had offers of service from numerous corps all over the Province, and I should have no difficulty, were it desirable, in raising a large force.

I have the honor to transmit a copy of the *Gazette* containing a General Order completing the embodiment of the force, and also one placing it under the
General Order, 30th December, 1864. Military command of the Lieutenant-General commanding in *British*
Gazette, December 31, 1864.—Page 4,270. *North America*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

MONCK.

The Right Honorable *E. Cardwell*, M.P., &c., &c., &c.

[Copy.—*Canada*, No. 15.]

DOWNING STREET, 23rd January, 1865.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches noted No. 199—Dec. 17, 1864. in the margin, acquainting me with the various steps which you are
" 202— " 20, " taking, with the advice of your Council, in order to secure the observance of a strict neutrality on the Frontier of the *United States* and
" 205— " 24, "
" 213— " 29, "
Canada.

Her Majesty's Government entirely approve of all the measures which you have reported to me ; and I have particular pleasure in noticing the excellent spirit and orderly conduct