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Downing-Street,
4th August, 1857. }

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge your separate Despatch of the 1st ultimo, respecting the Oaths administered to you on your assumption of the Government of Newfoundland, by the Chief Justice. Despatch respecting Oaths.

12.—There can be no doubt that the course which you adopted, in accordance with your Instructions, was the correct one.

13.—At the same time I have to inform you that shortly before I received your Despatch, I had already been in correspondence with the Law Advisers of the Crown on the subject of these Oaths; the Attorney General having certified me that it rests with the Crown to determine what Oaths shall be taken, Her Majesty's Government are prepared, on the next occasion of Instructions being issued to the Governor of a Colony about to assume his office, to substitute the single Oath of Allegiance for those now administered to him.

You may therefore consider that the present Oaths are substantially abrogated, as far as regards Governors of Colonies.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. LABOUCHERE.

To

Governor Sir A. Bannerman,
 Newfoundland.

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No. 9.

Downing-Street,
20th February, 1858. }

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No 75, of the 29th September last, and I now transmit to you the Queen's additional Instructions under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, in order to supply the accidental omission, to which you very properly called my attention, in the Instructions which accompany Her Majesty's Commission to you as Governor. Despatch.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor

Sir Alexander Bannerman,
 &c., &c.,
 Newfoundland.