

No. 16.
Lord Glenelg
to
Sir F. B. Head,
20th August 1836.

Enclosures.

Upper Canada ; and in reply I am to inform you, that a Copy of your Communication will be transmitted to Sir Francis Head, for such Observations as he may have it in his Power to offer on the Subject referred to by you.

R. Baldwin, Esq.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GEO. GREY.

My Lord,

4, Trinity Court, Charing Cross,
28th July 1836.

Considering the present State of Upper Canada, and the deep Interest which I necessarily have in the Fate of that Province, your Lordship will not, I trust, consider as an Intrusion a Request to know whether His Majesty's Government have come to any Decision on the Points suggested by me as of preliminary Importance, in my Letter to Mr. Hume of the 14th Ult., and which that Gentleman immediately transmitted to the Colonial Office.

His Majesty's Decision on the Bills for the Improvement of the Roads, Lighthouses, and the final Settlement of the War Loss Question, upon the Terms proposed by the Home Government itself, would seem to require no very protracted Consideration : their Importance is unquestioned.

If, therefore, His Majesty's Government have come to a Decision on these Points, and your Lordship feels at liberty to communicate it, I shall feel obliged by being informed of the Result.

Right Honourable Lord Glenelg,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) ROBERT BALDWIN.

Sir,

Downing Street, 4th August 1836

I am directed by Lord Glenelg to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 28th Ultimo, and to return to you the following Answer thereto :

His Lordship is not insensible to the deep Interest which you must unavoidably take in whatever relates to the Administration of the Government of Upper Canada, and is anxious to manifest towards you personally the Respect and Courtesy which are due to you ; but, as you are invested with no public or official Character, his Lordship cannot, without departing from a settled and necessary Rule of official Correspondence, enter into Explanations with you as to the Course of Proceeding which it may be the Intention of His Majesty's Government to pursue in reference to the Conduct of the Affairs of that Province. Lord Glenelg must, therefore, refer you to his published Despatch to Sir F. Head, as explanatory of the general Principles to which His Majesty's Government are pledged, and to which it is their fixed Purpose to adhere in their Administration of the Government of Upper Canada.

Robert Baldwin, Esquire.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GEO. GREY.

My Lord,

4, Trinity Court, Charing Cross,
4th August 1836.

I take the Liberty of enclosing to your Lordship the printed Copy of an Address from the Reform Alliance Society, of the 14th May last, which, as expressing the Sentiments of an influential Body, and explaining their Views in answer to the Speech made by Sir Francis Head on proroguing Parliament, I deem it proper to submit for your Lordship's Information.

Right Honourable Lord Glenelg,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) ROBERT BALDWIN.