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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to Lieut.-Governor
Sir G. ARTHUR, K.C.H.

SIR, Downing-street, 21st Sept. 1839.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches as noted in the margin.

I shall take an early opportunity of furnishing you with such instructions as these communications may be found to require. The only one of them which appears to me to demand my immediate notice is that marked "Private," of the 21st ultimo, in which you suggest that a declaration should be made by the Government, that the release of the Upper Canada rebels sent to this country did not arise from any doubt of the justice of their sentence. Your wish on this subject has been anticipated by the Marquis of Normanby's Despatch, No. 84, of the 23rd July, explaining to you at length that the liberation of these prisoners arose entirely from legal difficulties, which appeared to Her Majesty's Government to preclude any other course. I have only to add to the announcement made to you in that Despatch the assurance that that decision of the Government was not in any way influenced by any considerations referring to your own conduct in these transactions.

Throughout the whole of them Her Majesty's Government have witnessed the same activity and zeal for the interests of the Crown, which have always characterized your public service; neither do they see any reason whatever to doubt the discretion and judgment which you exercised on the occasion.

Sir G. Arthur, K.C.H.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

I have, &c.

J. RUSSELL.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to Lieut.-Governor
Sir G. ARTHUR, K.C.H.

SIR,

Downing-street, 2nd Oct. 1839.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches, Nos. 176 and 179, of the 21st and 27th of August, containing additional information respecting the occurrence at Brockville, between Her Majesty's schooner "Montreal" and the American steam-boat, "St. Lawrence;" and likewise containing copies of the resolutions passed at a meeting of the inhabitants of the district of Gore, together with a copy of the answer which you returned to the address presented to you on that subject.

I have read with much satisfaction the report which you transmit from Captain Sandom on the former of these subjects.

With reference to the latter, I have to convey to you my approval of the tone of your answer to the committee who addressed you. Having now made known your sentiments on the subject, for the discussion of which the meeting was convened, it will not be advisable that you should enter into any further controversy respecting it.

I have only further to express to you my thanks for the zealous attention which you are devoting to the interests of the Province under your Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. RUSSELL.

Sir G. Arthur, K.C.H.,
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