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ORANGE LODGES, CANADA.

RETURN to an ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 7 August 1839;—for;

COPIES of DESPATCHES from Sir *George Arthur*, relating to ORANGE  
LODGES in *Canada*, since the 17th day of May 1837.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *George Arthur*, K.C.H.,  
to the Marquess of *Normanby*.

Government House, Toronto,  
1 July 1839.

My Lord,

AS there appears to be considerable and increasing excitement prevailing among the party in this Province, who, styling themselves reformers, include a considerable number of known republicans, which may call forth the manifestation of hostile feeling on the part of those who differ from their views, I have thought it right, in anticipation of the approaching anniversary of the Orangemen, to issue an earnest exhortation to them to endeavour to allay irritation, and to check as much as possible all strong expression of display of party feeling.

I have the honour to enclose a copy of this document, which, as your Lordship will perceive, is couched in the form of a circular letter, addressed by me to the magistrates of the different districts throughout the Province, and which has been transmitted to them through the respective clerks of the peace, accompanied with an injunction to the latter to make the substance of it generally known.

I have likewise caused the same document to be communicated to the Mayor and Corporation of the city of Toronto.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Geo. Arthur*.

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Enclosure.

Gentlemen,

Government House, 24 June 1839.

ADVERTING to violations of the peace, which, on several occasions last year, were the consequence of certain public processions on the 12th July, I consider myself called upon to express my views upon the subject.

I cannot but feel a very deep regret that any cause should be allowed to exist for the recurrence of annual scenes which must necessarily have the effect of producing discord, and a feeling of ill-will, amongst the different classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

In the present condition of this Province, whether it be considered as regards the state of political feeling, or of religious sentiment, there is no one subject which requires greater attention from all truly loyal men, than the cultivation of kindly feelings towards each other. It therefore becomes imperatively the duty of every one, whatever may be his station or means, to carry out such a principle of action, and to encourage and foster such feelings.

The short, but eventful history of this Province, during the last 18 months, obviously shows that the great body of the people, without distinction of creed or party, were found remarkable for their fidelity to the Government, and their firmness in subduing domestic