

SUPPLEMENT.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT SUBSEQUENT TO THE 22ND DECEMBER, 1863.

THE GOVERNMENT VIRTUALLY ABANDONS THE ENNIS ACCUSATION.

[Letter of Mr. A. M. Delisle to Provincial Secretary of 2nd January, 1864, the substance of which is given in the letter to Lord Monck.]

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Quebec, 4th Jan., 1864.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and to inform you that it has been referred to the Honorable the Attorney General for Lower Canada, in connexion with your letter of the 22nd ultimo, already before him for report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obd't Servant,
E. PARENT.

A. M. DELISLE, Esq., Montreal.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Quebec, 9th Jan., 1864.

SIR,—In reply to your application for copies of papers relating to your dismissal from the office of Sheriff for the District of Montreal, I have the honor, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, to inform you that a copy of the report of Messrs. Lafrenaye and Doherty will be furnished to you as soon as it can be made, which will be done without delay; but that the report of the Attorney General cannot be furnished, as it is not usual to furnish such reports, nor the Orders in Council based on them.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obd't Servant,

A. J. FERGUSON BLAIR,
A. M. DELISLE, Esq., Montreal. Secretary.

MONTREAL, 11th Jan., 1864.

MY LORD,—On the 22nd ultimo I was informed by letter of the Assistant Secretary, in date of the 21st, that your Excellency had been pleased to revoke my commission as Sheriff of this District, by an instrument bearing date the 19th day of December last. As the letter of the Assistant Secretary gave me no information as to the causes of my dismissal from office, I immediately wrote to the Provincial Secretary, and among other things said,—“As the cause of the revocation of my commission is not stated, and that I feel extremely anxious to be informed upon that subject, as it must, I presume, be the result of the investigation made by Messrs. Lafrenaye and Doherty, the Commissioners, who have enquired into the charges made against Mr. Brehaut, Mr. Schiller and myself, by Mr. C. M. Delisle, may I request to be furnished with the report of the Honorable the Attorney General to the Executive Council upon that subject, as well as upon the petition I had the honor of addressing to his Excellency on the 5th November last, accompanied by copies of letters from Joseph Doutre, Esq., Q.C., to the said C. M. Delisle, and the

“order and proceedings of Council had thereupon. May I also take the liberty of requesting to be furnished with a copy of the report of Messrs. Lafrenaye and Doherty.”

The receipt of my letter was acknowledged by the return of mail.

On the 2nd of January, not having been informed of these reasons, I again addressed a letter to the Provincial Secretary, when, in reiterating my request, to be informed as to the causes of my dismissal, I stated,—“I respectfully submit that the reference of my prayer can only be a matter of form, as there can, I apprehend, be no doubt as to my right to know the cause of my dismissal, and that it is doing me a serious injustice to withhold from me, for a single week, information which I do not ask as a favor, but which I claim as a right, and which, in common fairness, should have been communicated at once.” On the 5th January I received a letter from the Assistant Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of my letter of the 2nd instant, and informing me that it had been referred to the Honorable the Attorney General for Lower Canada, in connexion with my letter of the 22nd ult., already before him, for report. This morning I received a letter from the Provincial Secretary, in reply to my application for information as to the cause of my dismissal from office in which I am informed by command of your Excellency; that a copy of the report of Messrs. Lafrenaye and Doherty will be furnished to me, as soon as it can be made, which will be done without delay, but that the report of the Attorney General cannot be furnished, as it is not usual to furnish such reports nor the orders of Council based thereon. To this statement of facts I have to add, for the information of your Excellency, that the report of Messrs. Lafrenaye and Doherty, which I am promised will be furnished to me as soon as it is made, was in the possession of the Editor of the *Quebec Mercury* previous to the 31st of last month, as an article in the issue of that paper of the morning of the 31st, contained allusions and citations from the said report, and I have a similar reason for knowing that this report was also in the hands of the Editor of the *Montreal Herald* in the early part of last week, while it appears that it is only found convenient to furnish me with a copy, so soon as it can be made, after the 9th of January, nearly three weeks after my dismissal. I have further to remark to your Excellency that the report of the Commissioners alone, without that of the Attorney General, will not furnish me with the facts which, I respectfully submit, I have a right to be informed of; the reasons for which your Excellency has been pleased to revoke my Commission as Sheriff. It is in vain for your Excellency's constitutional advisers to pretend that I can gather from that report, which applies to three