

CANADA.

pleased to accept your resignation. Her Majesty has further commanded me to express to your Lordship her intention of conferring on you the Order of the Grand Cross of the Bath, as a proof of Her Majesty's gracious approbation of your services.

The Right Hon. Lord Sydenham,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

No. 30.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Lord SYDENHAM to Lord JOHN RUSSELL.

My Lord, Government House, Kingston, 4th August, 1841.

No. 39.

I HAD the honour to receive, *via* New York, by the Great Western, your Lordship's Despatch, No. 397, conveying to me leave of absence from my post for six months, in consequence of the serious indisposition under which I have suffered, and I lose no time in requesting your Lordship to be good enough to lay at the foot of the Throne my humble acknowledgments to the Queen for this mark of Her Majesty's consideration.

It will be my anxious endeavour that the interests of Her Majesty's Service should not suffer either through this, or through the resignation of my office, which I had the honour to transmit to your Lordship last mail.

I shall not avail myself of the Queen's gracious permission to absent myself, until I have entirely completed the work which I have in hand, by bringing the present Session of Parliament to a close, and by taking all the steps incident to the measures which will have then probably received their completion; and with regard to some of these even, namely, the financial arrangements to be made for the Province, in accordance with my instructions, my presence in England may, I hope, not be altogether without value.

I expect to be able to complete this by the middle or end of September, when I shall proceed home, but of this I shall be able to judge more exactly in the course of a short time, and I shall then apply to the officer commanding the naval station at Halifax to furnish me, if he conveniently can, with a vessel which may convey myself and my suite to England, of which I trust your Lordship will approve.

I have in the mean time great satisfaction in stating that the anticipations which I expressed in my confidential Despatch of the 26th June last, have been fully realized.

The proceedings of the House of Assembly were at first retarded by the necessity of making arrangements and laying down new rules and regulations for the conduct of business, and by the proceedings in the matter of election petitions, in which the laws of the two provinces were different, and great confusion and embarrassment naturally arose; but this delay was rather productive of advantage than otherwise, as the members from different parts of the province had thereby the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other's views and opinions, and the difficulties inherent to the union of the representation of two countries, hitherto so distinct and separate, gradually wore off.

But latterly, the Legislature has been able to devote itself to the practical business of the country, and, I am happy to say, has made great progress and with great advantage.

Many measures of public utility have been gone through, and amongst them three measures of great importance, introduced by the Government, have already passed the House of Assembly, and are before the other House. A Bill for the establishment of a Board of Works, conferring the most extensive powers upon that department, and thus enabling us to proceed safely and securely in whatever may be undertaken on the public account or with public aid; another for the establishment of District Courts of Justice; and a third for the Naturalization of Aliens, a subject of the deepest interest to many of the inhabitants of the province. A Bill for the establishment of District Councils in Upper Canada, similar to the Ordinance which I passed in the Lower Province, is in Committee, and will, I have little doubt, be shortly passed; and the other measures are all, more or less, in a state of great forwardness.

I have, &c.
(Signed) SYDENHAM.

The Right Hon. Lord John Russell,
&c. &c. &c.