

other and more influential States of the Union, will, from feelings of prudence, if not from higher motives, abstain from a course which is so injurious to Upper Canada and disgraceful to themselves.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NORMANBY.

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

No. 12.
The Marquis of
Normanby to
Sir G. Arthur.
18th May, 1839.

No. 13.

(No. 56.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Marquis of NORMANBY to Lieut.-Governor
Sir G. ARTHUR, K.C.H.

SIR,

Downing-street, 8th June, 1839.

I HAVE received your Despatch of the 20th April last (No. 92), on the subject of the principles to be followed in bringing to justice parties implicated in treasonable attacks on the Government of Upper Canada.

I acknowledge that there is great weight in the reasoning by which you vindicate tardiness rather than promptitude of punishment in cases such as those which unhappily occurred during the last year. It would be useless to attempt, at this distance from the scene of action, to fetter the discretion of the Local Government by any positive and inflexible rules on such a subject. It is enough to say that the immediate infliction of the penalties of the law when it may be indispensable to inflict them, appears to be regarded by you not less than by myself, as the sound general principle from which it is not wise to deviate, except in deference to some peculiar reasons which may suggest and justify an exception to it.

With regard to the transmission of Lord Durham's Report, unaccompanied by any remarks on those passages of it which appeared to convey injurious reflections on your conduct, I apprehend that when you advert to all the circumstances connected with that publication, you will readily discover reasons why I was unwilling to render it the subject of comment in my Despatches, apart from the supposition that my silence implied an acquiescence in any censure cast by that Report on the administration of the Government of Upper Canada.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NORMANBY.

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

No. 13.
The Marquis of
Normanby to
Sir G. Arthur.
8th June, 1839

No. 14.

(No. 57.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Marquis of NORMANBY to Lieut.-Governor
Sir G. ARTHUR, K.C.H.

SIR,

Downing-street, 9th June, 1839.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 13th ultimo, (No. 104), enclosing a Copy of the Speech with which, on the 11th of that month, you had closed the Session of the Provincial Legislature.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NORMANBY.

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

No. 14.
The Marquis of
Normanby to
Sir G. Arthur.
9th June, 1839.