

“ We recommend that facilities should be afforded to resident and well conducted Foreigners, to acquire a valid title to landed property.”

Extract from a despatch from the Governor General to the Right Honourable Lord *John Russell*, dated *Montreal*, 12th October, 1840, No. 179.

Extract from Despatch from His Excellency to Lord J. Russell on encouraging settlers from the United States.

“ The encouragement of settlers from the United States, by any direct alteration of the existing Law, I should deprecate at the present moment. Practically, there is, I believe, no difficulty in their acquiring land, but I do not think it would be advantageous to confer on them, as a right, what they now enjoy only on the sufferance of the *British* Government.

With every respect for their energy and intelligence, and fully admitting that as the pioneers of civilization they are superior to every other people, I do not think it would be wise, by any general measure, to invite their settlement in large numbers in the more populous portions of *Canada*. There is a spirit of propagandism among *American* citizens, which makes it necessary to observe great caution in this matter. At the same time, I think that, in individual cases, their claims to be admitted to the rights of *British* subjects, on certain conditions, should be considered in the most liberal spirit; and I am happy to believe that for several years past, this spirit has prevailed in both Provinces.”

Message from His Excellency.

The Honourable *S. B. Harrison*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

SYDENHAM,

Message with copy of Instructions to His Excellency

In answer to two Addresses of the 10th August, the Governor General informs the House of Assembly, that Her Majesty's Government having deemed it expedient to make public the “ Instructions”, with which he was honoured on assuming the Government of Her Majesty's possessions in *British North America*, he has great pleasure in laying them before the House of Assembly. There are no communications to Sir *George Arthur* answering the description of “ Instructions,” the directions of Her Majesty's Government, having been conveyed in the usual way in despatches, bearing on different subjects, as occasion required.

Government House, }
Kingston, 19th August, 1841. }

No. 1.

Downing Street, 7th September, 1839.

SIR,

Despatch conveying to His Excellency Her Majesty's Instructions on his assumption of the Government of Br. N. America.

The Queen having been pleased to confide to you the Government of the *British* Provinces in *North America*, I now transmit to you the various commissions, under the Great Seal, which authorize you to assume and execute that office. The intimate knowledge, which, as one of Her Majesty's confidential advisers, you have acquired, of the progress of *Canadian* affairs during the last few years, and of the views of Her Majesty's Government on that subject, relieves me from the necessity of entering on various explanations, which it would otherwise have been my duty to afford you. But it is fit that I should, on the present occasion, record for your guidance the intentions of the Ministers of the Crown, on the principal topics of *Canadian* policy, on which you will be called, as the Governor of those Provinces, to co-operate with them.