

tion which I have pointed out, Her Majesty will be ready to concur in the enactment of it.

The next reserved Bill is intituled "An Act to authorize the issue of Bills of Credit," and to this Bill it has been judged necessary that the Royal Assent should be withheld. The confirmation of it would have thrown into circulation an amount of small inconvertible paper money to the extent of 250,000*l*. Her Majesty's Government are decidedly of opinion that such a step would be attended with most injurious effects on the currency and the monetary transactions of the Province and on the value of private property. But, anxious as they would be to concur in any financial measure which could be adopted for meeting the present exigencies of the Province, they feel that the value of any such measure is to be weighed not solely by consideration of present efficiency, but by the future effects which may be produced on the permanent welfare of the Colony. In this instance that present relief would, in their opinion, be attended not only with much immediate, but, from its nature, with much permanent evil; and they cannot, therefore, at such a risk, agree to this mode of sustaining for a time the transactions of the Local Treasury.

The suspended Bill, No. 1153, intituled "An Act to afford further facilities to negotiate debentures for the completion of certain works," has been confirmed by the Queen in Council.

I have thus placed you in possession of Her Majesty's decision in regard to five of the Bills passed by the Legislature of Upper Canada which had been reserved by you, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

I have confined myself to a brief explanation of the grounds on which the decision of each of them is founded, avoiding all observations on the very clear and elaborate statements which you have supplied respecting them. Having requested the immediate attention of the Governor-General to these measures, and referred him to your recent Despatches as the most convenient mode of obtaining a perfect knowledge of the subjects to which they relate, it has appeared to me to be premature to discuss the suggestions which you have submitted for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government. Such discussion will be more fitly and profitably undertaken when I shall be in possession of the combined opinions of the Governor-General and yourself; and I look with confidence to the result of your consultations on subjects which are so intimately connected with the welfare of the Canadas.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

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

No. 11.
Lord John Russell
to Sir G. Arthur.
12th Oct. 1839.
No 1151.

No. 1153.

No. 12.

(No. 39.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from LORD JOHN RUSSELL to Lieut-Governor Sir G. ARTHUR, K.C.H.

SIR,

Downing-street, 6th November, 1839.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your several despatches named in the margin; the last enclosing transcripts of all the Acts passed by the Legislature of Upper Canada, during the recent session, and the two first relating to one of those Acts, namely, No. 1165, making provision for the advancement of Education in the Province. In acquainting you that Her Majesty has been pleased to confirm that Act, I take this opportunity of acknowledging the very able and elaborate manner in which you discussed this important subject in your despatch No. 134. In matters of this kind Her Majesty's Government defer to the opinion of the Provincial Legislature, and without hesitation, on the receipt of the transcript, advised Her Majesty to sanction this measure, which, I trust, will be found effectual for the laudable object which the Legislature contemplated in passing it.

With the exception of those named in the margin, (which are still under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government,) all these Acts have been left to their operation by the enclosed Order, passed by Her Majesty in Council on the 21st inst.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

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

No. 12.
Lord John Russell
to Sir G. Arthur.
6th Nov. 1839.
No. 109, 14th May.
" 134, 8th June.
" 169, 27th July.

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" 13, " 1168.
" 19, " 1174.
" 38, " 1193.
" 41, " 1196.
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marked above.