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*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Frederic Temple, Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, and Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Your Excellency, the Annual Report of the Inspector of Penitentiaries, together with copies of the annual reports of the officers of the Penitentiaries and financial and statistical statements and tables, being for the year ended 31st December, 1876.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant.

EDWARD BLAKE,

*Minister of Justice*

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

OTTAWA, 31st January, 1877