

EARL OF DURHAM.

CORRESPONDENCE relating to the ESTABLISHMENT of the Earl of *Durham*, as GOVERNOR GENERAL of *British North America* and HER MAJESTY'S HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(PRESENTED BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND.)

My Lord,

Downing-street, 24th March 1838.

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that a desire has been expressed by a Member of the House of Commons in his place, that a statement of your Lordship's Establishment as Governor General of the British North American Provinces and Her Majesty's High Commissioner for the adjustment of certain affairs in Canada should be laid before the House. Lord John Russell, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, having assented to this request, I shall be obliged if your Lordship will furnish me with a statement of your Establishment for this purpose.

The Right Honourable
The Earl of Durham, G.C.B., &c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Glenelg.*

My Lord,

Cleveland-row, March 26, 1838.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's communication of the 24th instant.

Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to entrust to me the general Government of Six Provinces in North America, the entire administration of the affairs of one Province during the suspension of the ordinary form of government, and a separate Commission for the adjustment of weighty affairs affecting the permanent welfare of all Her Majesty's Possessions in North America, I must require, for the due performance of these important and multifarious functions, the most zealous and efficient co-operation.

I feel it due to those who leave this country on this arduous and difficult service, to ensure to them adequate and honourable remuneration.

By this feeling I have been influenced in the formation of an Establishment for carrying on the government of North America, and have the honour of enclosing you a copy of my Letter to Sir George Grey, of the 10th instant, in which are included the details which your Lordship requests.

I have also to state to your Lordship, that I have received from the Commander of the Forces permission to avail myself of the services of four paid Aides-de-Camp, whose assistance will be urgently required in the various personal communications which I must necessarily make to the Lieutenant-Governors and Commanders of Her Majesty's Forces in the different Provinces placed under my government.

I have now given your Lordship all the information I can afford you at the present time. On my arrival in North America, I may possibly find it necessary to require further executive assistance; but I can assure your Lordship that I shall ever be guided by as strict an attention to economy as is consistent with what is, I own to you, my primary object, the efficiency of the public service.

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

I have, &c.
(signed) *Durham.*

P.S.—The only appointments that I have made as yet, are those of Mr. Edward Ellice, as Private Secretary, and Colonel Couper, as Military Secretary. The latter gentleman sailed for New York last week, with Despatches for Sir J. Colborne. It is not my intention to make any other appointments until after my arrival in North America.