

sufficient in your judgment to ensure the practicability of housing and victualling them during that period, if, from any unforeseen circumstances, that detention should take place.

You will, however, take care that in making these enquiries you do not hold out to the Dominion any hopes of the Imperial Government consenting to their being so kept.

I am, &c.

E. LUGARD.

No. 3.

*The War Office to Lieutenant-General The Honourable James Lindsay.*

Sir,

13th April, 1870.

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to transmit for your information the enclosed copy of a letter from Lieutenant-General Sir John Michel, with the enclosure to which it refers, containing his views on the military and political questions of sending British Troops with Canadian Militia to the Red River Settlement.

Mr. Cardwell desires me to add an expression of his confidence in your weighing very carefully all the difficulties to which such an expedition, as that referred to, would be exposed; and, in the event of its being decided upon by Her Majesty's Government, of your taking every possible precaution that the case will admit of to guard against those difficulties.

I am, &c.

E. LUGARD.

Inclosure 1 in No. 3.

*Lieutenant-General Sir J. Michel to the War Office.*

Sir,

Dorchester, 10th April, 1870.

IN compliance with the wishes of the Right Honourable the Minister of War, I herewith have the honour to forward a Memorandum in reference to a project of transporting British troops, in conjunction with Canadian Militia, to the Red River Settlement.

In forwarding such a memorandum, I must premise by saying that any data upon which such memorandum is grounded is anterior to the year 1867, at which time I was Administrator of the Government of Canada, and Commander-in-Chief; and I must request to be entirely irresponsible for any errors that may occur, from having no data to go upon since that period.

I may add that my attention in 1867 was strongly turned towards the subject of the capabilities of communication of the Red River with Fort Garry, from having personally examined the water route between Montreal and Lake Huron, and in connexion with this water route, the proposed routes from the head of Lake Superior to Fort Garry, so as to bring the Hudson Bay trade through British America.

I found that the exact same impediments, which rendered difficult my own progress from the Huron to Ottawa, exerted in a greater degree their influence between Thunder Bay and Fort Garry, and I then considered, in a national point of view, the possibility of conveying troops to Fort Garry—in case of necessity.

My letter, as Administrator of the Government, No. 30, of 22nd February, 1867, to Lord Carnarvon, with its inclosed memorandum, contained my views at that period, and I am not aware that there has been any alteration in the state of affairs, as therein described, to modify those views.

I have, &c.

J. MICHEL, *Licut.-General.*

Enclosure 2 in No. 3.

MEMORANDUM on the Military and Political Question of sending British Troops, in conjunction with Canadian Militia, to the Red River Settlement.

1. THIS Memorandum takes for granted that the route proposed to be taken is that recommended by Mr. Dawson, C.E., in the year 1859, and laid down in the 28 pages of his printed Report.