

ORANGE LODGES
(UPPER CANADA).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 24 April 1837:—for,

COPIES of the ORDERS sent out to the *Canadas* respecting ORANGE LODGES there, the Date of the Despatch, and of Arrival of those Orders there, and the Answers received from the Governors of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* as to the Proceedings adopted thereunder:—also, Of the Address of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY of *Upper Canada* to the Governor respecting ORANGE LODGES, and his Answer thereto.

[in continuation of Returns presented to The House of Commons, and ordered to be Printed,
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Colonial Office, Downing-street, }
17 May 1837.

G. GREY.

LETTER from Lord *Glenelg* to Sir *F. B. Head*, K.C.H., &c. &c.

Sir,

Downing-street, 24 August 1836.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for your information, a copy of a Return which has been presented to The House of Commons in pursuance of an Address of that House to His Majesty, adopted on the Motion of Mr. Hume, M.P.

I am aware, from a comparison of dates, that at the time when you received the Address of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, a copy of which is contained in the enclosed Parliamentary Paper, you could not have been aware of the proceedings which had taken place in the month of February last in the House of Commons relative to Orange Lodges, and that you could not at that time have received my Despatch of the 27th February, transmitting to you a copy of the Address to The King from The House of Commons on this subject, and of His Majesty's Answer to that Address. On the recent occasion of some observations reflecting on your conduct with reference to this question being made in the House of Commons, Sir G. Grey felt it his duty distinctly to state this fact to The House as materially affecting any opinion which might be formed of the policy or propriety of the terms of your Answer to the Address of the Assembly of Upper Canada. I need scarcely observe, that there is nothing which His Majesty's Government would more deeply regret, than that, while their unremitting endeavours are directed in this country, and especially in Ireland, to check the evils which have been engendered by religious differences, and to put a stop to the irritation and violence which party processions are calculated to produce, any semblance of indifference to the same important object should be manifested by His Majesty's representatives in other parts of His dominions. I am very far from assuming that you do not cordially enter into the views of His Majesty's Government on this subject, and I should be doing you a great injustice, if I could admit a question as to your zealous co-operation with them in discountenancing those passions and animosities which, especially when connected with religious differences, are the fruitful sources of innumerable evils, and throw the greatest obstacles in the way of the welfare and prosperity of any country.

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I have, however, felt it incumbent on me to call your attention to this Return, in the full confidence that it is your purpose to administer the Government, which His Majesty has confided to you, with the strictest impartiality, and with the high object of advancing the real interests of every class of His Majesty's Subjects in the Province.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Glenelg*.