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Judge Fletcher.

Copy of a LETTER from Lord Glenelg to the Lord President of the Council.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 27 August 1836.

I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship the copy of a despatch which I have received from the Earl of Gosford, Governor-general of His Majesty's provinces of North America, reporting that the House of General Assembly of Lower Canada have requested him to dismiss from office Mr. Fletcher, one of the judges for the district of St. Francis, in that province, and also reporting the grounds on which he had declined to comply with that request, and had determined to refer the question for the decision of His Majesty's Government.

I also enclose copy of the enclosures in Lord Gosford's despatch.

I have to request that your Lordship would move His Majesty in Council to refer these documents to the judicial committee of the Privy Council, in order that their Lordships may adopt the necessary measures for investigating and deciding the question in debate, and may report to His Majesty in Council their opinion as to the measures which it may be proper for His Majesty to adopt on this occasion.

I have, &c.

(signed) Glenelg.

9 July.

Correspondence respecting