

Enclosure, No. 3.

COPY of a LETTER from Sir *B. D'Urban* to *George Bagot*, Esq. Second Fiscal.

SIR,

King's House, 14th August 1832.

ADVERTING to our correspondence of the latter part of the last and beginning of the present year, upon the subject of Mr. Postlethwaite's project of bringing Indians from Columbia to work upon his estate in the Essequibo, my communications with him at that period had temporarily closed, with the intimation (Enclosure, No. 1) having reference to your Honour's last Report to me of the 24th February.

See ante.

On my return from Essequibo upon the 10th of last month, however, I received from Mr. Postlethwaite the Enclosure, No. 2, containing a Letter from him to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. From the tenor of this Letter, as well as from the nature and bearings of the project set forth in it, it was indispensable that it should be accompanied by a Report from your Honour; and as I was aware that Mr. Horan (who, notwithstanding my intimation of the 22d March, had been dispatched to the Orinoco by Mr. Postlethwaite to negotiate with the Indians of that river) had just returned to Demerara, I perceived the expediency also of having from him a report of his expedition, its proceedings and its result. This I have received since my return from Berbice, and I now transmit it to you, together with Mr. Postlethwaite's Letter to Lord Goderich, requesting you to do me the favour of reporting to me comprehensively upon the whole, as your local and general experience and sound judgment cannot fail to supply very valuable observations for his Lordship's consideration in disposing of this question.

See ante.

(signed) *B. D'Urban*.

P. S.—Be so good to return the Enclosures, which are originals.

(signed) *B. D.*

Enclosure, No. 4.

COPY of a LETTER from *George Bagot*, Esq. to Sir *B. D'Urban*, K.C.B.

SIR,

Essequibo, 4th September 1832.

YOUR Excellency's Despatch of the 14th August, which I have the honour to acknowledge, reached me on the 19th of that month, on the eve of my departure for town to attend the meeting of the Court of Policy; and as your Excellency was pleased to require from me a comprehensive Report on the documents which accompanied it, to wit, the Letter of Mr. Postlethwaite to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Report of Mr. Horan's expedition, and especially as to how far the project of Mr. Postlethwaite might bear on the general question of religious instruction to the Indians, I found it necessary to defer my reply till my return to Essequibo, as well for the purpose of making personal inquiry into the progress of Mr. Postlethwaite's Indian establishment, as of having reference to documents in my office.

Your Excellency is aware that I only returned from town on the 1st instant, which will, I trust, sufficiently account for the unavoidable delay in replying to your Excellency's communication.

It is quite unnecessary for me here to go over the grounds of objections stated in my Letter to Mr. Postlethwaite of the 6th December 1831, to that part of his plan which had reference to the Indians of Orinoco, a copy of that Letter being attached to his communication to my Lord Goderich; I shall merely remark that I believe I strictly adhered to your Excellency's instructions in the expression of your sentiments on that point. Notwithstanding this expression, which was reiterated by your Excellency's command, in my Letter to that gentleman of the 28th January 1832, and still more forcibly in your Excellency's Memorandum for the information of Mr. Postlethwaite, dated 22d March 1832, he proceeded with his plan in its fullest extent, and dispatched Mr. Horan on the 5th April following to the Orinoco, for the purpose, as appears from his Letter to Colonel Hamilton, of which he transmits a copy to his Lordship, of obtaining direct from Orinoco a priest accustomed to the missions there, and with him a few good families of Indians. Thus, at the very moment he is seeking the support of government to the furtherance of a project for his own private interest, he flies in the face of the expressed sentiments of your Excellency, strengthened too by a declaration of the