

COPY of the DESPATCHES from Sir *F. B. Head* to Lord *Glenelg*, dated
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My Lord,

Toronto, 21 April 1836.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship an Address from the House of Assembly to His Majesty, as also copy of one to the House of Commons, reprobating, in unusual language, my conduct as Lieutenant-governor of this Province. I have also to inform your Lordship that the House of Assembly have deemed it their duty to stop the supplies; that, in consequence of this proceeding, I have reserved all their money-bills for the consideration of His Majesty, and that I have declined to grant their contingencies.

18 April.

I also enclose to your Lordship a copy of my speech on proroguing the Provincial Parliament.

Under these circumstances, I feel it incumbent to submit to your Lordship a plain statement of the whole affair.

In my despatch, No. 3, to your Lordship, dated 5th February, I stated as follows:

“As far as I have been able to judge, I should say, that the republican party are implacable; that no concession whatever would satisfy them, their self-interested object being to possess themselves of the government of this Province, for the sake of lucre and emolument.”

In my despatch, No. 9, dated 22d of February, I stated to your Lordship, as follows:

“Having now informed your Lordship of the individuals I have added to the Executive Council, with the circumstances which have preceded their appointments (which, I trust, may be confirmed), it only remains for me to state, that, although tranquillity in this Province is, I conceive, now momentarily established, I do not expect that the present House of Assembly will discontinue their agitations.

“It shall be my duty, however, to afford them no reasonable cause of complaint; to their addresses, as well as to their opinions, I shall give every possible attention, and will afford them every assistance to correct all real grievances; but I am so convinced that every improper concession will not only strengthen their demands, but weaken my influence in the Province, that I shall continue to resist, as I have hitherto done, any demand that may at all tend to undermine the happy constitution of the Province, as I believe that this policy will eventually secure to the Lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada (whoever it may be) the confidence and the support of the community.”

To the foregoing opinions expressed to your Lordship I firmly continue to adhere; and I refer to them, for the object of proving that the political state of this Province requires no deep experience, but that its moral was evident to me before I had been a month in this capital.

The speech I yesterday delivered, on proroguing the Provincial Legislature, will sufficiently explain the attempts I have made to carry into effect the remedial measures with which I was entrusted. I will, therefore, only shortly observe, that the Grievance Report remains unopened; that not one of the remedies your Lordship prescribed has been carried into effect; that, in fact, this