

prerogative of mercy to the prisoners Lynch and Mc Mahon, now lying under sentence of death, and to commute that sentence to twenty years of penal servitude or imprisonment, as the law of Canada may warrant you in assigning.

It is only to be hoped that this act of clemency on the part of Her Majesty may not be misunderstood, and that the punishment to which the capital sentences have been commuted may be of sufficient severity to warn others of the still graver consequences to which they will inevitably render themselves liable by a repetition of such insane and criminal proceedings. But if unhappily this hope should be disappointed, all such persons must be prepared to be visited with the extreme penalties of the law.

The Right Hon. Viscount Monck,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CARNARVON.

No. 13.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to Governor-General the Right Hon. Viscount MONCK.

(No. 109.)

MY LORD,

Downing Street, November 24, 1866.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your despatch No. 183* of the 3rd of November, accompanied by various documents in the cases of Robert B. Lynch and the Rev. John MacMahon, lately convicted of felony at Toronto.

I have in another despatch conveyed to you the views of Her Majesty's Government upon the disposal of these prisoners.

The Right Hon. Viscount Monck,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CARNARVON.

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No. 14.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to the Officer Administering the Government.

(No. 121.)

SIR,

Downing Street, December 28, 1866.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Lord Monck's despatch No. 204† of the 1st December, inclosing notes in the trials of five Fenian prisoners recently convicted at Toronto.

The Officer Administering the Government.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CARNARVON.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to Lieutenant-General Sir J. MICHEL.

(No. 127.)

SIR,

Downing Street, January 7, 1867.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 7‡ of the 13th December last, respecting the decision of Her Majesty's Government in the cases of the condemned Fenian prisoners, Lynch and MacMahon.

You will have been informed by my telegraphic despatch of the 28th ultimo that I considered necessary the promulgation of my despatch on the subject, No. 108§ of the 24th November.

Lieutenant-General Sir J. Michel,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CARNARVON.

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§ Page 82.