

the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba, announcing his arrival at Fort Garry on the 2nd instant.

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(Signed),

JOSEPH HOWE,

Secretary of State for the Provinces.

F. Turville, Esq.,
Governor's Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES,
OTTAWA, 23rd September, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 3rd instant, announcing your arrival at Fort Garry on the previous day.

A copy of your Despatch will be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor General without delay.

I have, &c.,

(Signed),

JOSEPH HOWE,

Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Honorable A. G. Archibald,
Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba,
Fort Garry.

FORT GARRY, 10th September, 1870.

SIR,—I had the honor to inform you, by letter dated the 3rd instant, of my arrival at this place on the 2nd.

Since then I have spent a large part of my time in making acquaintance with the people, and in endeavoring to procure the information necessary to guide me in taking the initiatory steps for the formation of a Government.

I found the people of the settlement in a state of much excitement, such as would naturally follow the events of the last few months, and I have taken much pains in endeavoring to tranquillize them and lead them to see how important it is to the prosperity of the country, that all the leading men, irrespective of party, should come forward and give me their aid in establishing a Government that can secure the peace of the country on a solid foundation.

My efforts have not been without some success, as I learn from all quarters. I am glad to find that my views of the course which ought to be pursued, meet with a general measure of acceptance, even from those who might, under the circumstances, have been supposed to be the least likely to acquiesce in those views.

I arrived here on Friday. The next day I caused to be inserted in the "New Nation," newspaper, a notice that I should hold a Levee on Tuesday the 6th instant, at which time my Commission as Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, and my Commission as Lieut.-Governor of the North West Territories should be read. It seemed to me desirable, as the ceremony of being sworn in had already taken place, that some other equivalent publicity should be given to the facts of my Commissions having been issued, and the Oaths of Office having been taken, the assemblage of a body of persons at the Levee afforded a good opportunity of doing this, while the presence of Colonel Wolseley and the officers of the expedition enabled me to have it done with some *éclat*.

The weather, from the time of my arrival up to the date of the Levee, was most unfavorable, there being continuous rain, which, acting on a soil like that of Red River, renders the roads after a few days almost impassible. Notwithstanding, there was a very general turn out.