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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to the Right Hon. Lord SYDENHAM.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 6th July, 1841.

Her Majesty's Government have received with much regret the account, which your recent communications to me convey, of your severe bodily indisposition, and I have received the Queen's commands to acquaint you that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to sanction your return to this country on a leave of absence for six months as soon after your receipt of this Despatch as the exigencies of the public services in Canada may admit.

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I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

The Right Hon. Lord Sydenham,
&c. &c. &c.

(Separate.)

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Lord SYDENHAM to Lord JOHN RUSSELL.

My Lord,

Kingston, 21st July, 1841.

As it is probable that the sittings of the Legislature will be protracted till the end of next month, and the state of my health, as your Lordship is already aware, renders it of great importance to me that I should be able to quit this country early in the autumn, I think it right, without actually waiting for the termination of the Session itself, to enable Her Majesty's Government to take the necessary steps for the future conduct of affairs here, by formally requesting your Lordship to place at the foot of the Throne my resignation of the office with which the Queen has honoured me, and my humble prayer, in order to meet the possible contingency of the arrival of my successor being delayed beyond the period to which I have referred, that I may receive Her Majesty's gracious permission, (if it should not already have been accorded to me,) temporarily to devolve the government upon the officer next in command.

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The task which, by Her Majesty's Commands, I undertook two years ago is entirely completed, and I have the satisfaction of feeling assured that the great objects of my mission are answered. The Union of the two Canadas is fully perfected, and the measures incidental to that great change have been successfully carried into effect. Effective departments for every branch of the public service in this province have been constituted, and the future harmonious working of the constitution is, I have every reason to believe, secured.

I have likewise the gratification of learning that in another of the provinces of British North America comprised within my government, the endeavours which I made whilst I temporarily assumed the direction of affairs there, confirmed as they have been by your Lordship's directions, which have been so ably carried out by Lord Falkland, have been completely successful in restoring harmony there, and in producing the best practical results.

I can, therefore, with perfect confidence in the future working of the great change which it has been my good fortune to assist in bringing into operation, surrender into other hands the powers with which I was honoured through the gracious confidence of my Sovereign, although from the deep and heartfelt interest which I take in the welfare of these magnificent possessions of the Queen, I shall do so with feelings of deep regret.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) SYDENHAM.

The Right Hon. Lord John Russell,
&c. &c. &c.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to the Right Hon. Lord SYDENHAM.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 18th August, 1841.

I HAVE received and laid before the Queen your Lordship's Despatch of the 21st July, tendering to Her Majesty your resignation of the office of Governor-General of the British Provinces in North America; and I avail myself of the opportunity of this day's mail to inform your Lordship that the Queen has been

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