

(Copy.) No. 83.

*Downing Street,  
5th August, 1838.*

MY LORD,

Despatch from Colonial Secretary on the subject of the disposal of certain persons charged with High Treason.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 29th June, No. 18, reporting the proceedings which you had adopted for disposing of the Prisoners whom, on your arrival in Canada, you found in confinement on charges connected with the late insurrection.

Measures of the High Commissioner approved of.

Her Majesty's Government are fully alive to the difficulties by which this question was surrounded.—It has, therefore, afforded them much satisfaction that you have been able to surmount those difficulties, and that the course which you have adopted has been favorably received in the Province, as equally free from the imputation of too great severity, or of excessive and ill-considered lenity.

Submitted, nevertheless to the Law Officers of the Crown.

While, however, I convey to you the approbation of Her Majesty's Government of the spirit in which your measures have been conceived, I abstain from making any observations on the legal objections which may possibly occur to some of the provisions of the Ordinance, a copy of which is transmitted in your despatch, as it is at present under the consideration of the Law Officers of the Crown.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed,)

GLENELG.

*To the Right Honorable*

THE EARL OF DURHAM,

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.) No. 84.

*Downing Street,  
6th August, 1838.*

MY LORD,

Despatch approving of the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the best mode of disposing of the Crown Lands, with a view to the promotion of Emigration.

I have had the honor to receive Your Lordship's despatch of the 29th June, No. 19, enclosing a copy of a Commission which you had issued for an inquiry into the best mode of disposing of the waste lands of the Crown in the British North American Colonies. Her Majesty's Government entirely approve of this measure, and of the instructions respecting it, which you addressed to the several Lieutenant-Governors of the neighboring Colonies. They are fully aware of the great importance of establishing a general and