

## FURTHER PAPERS

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#### From Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine to Earl Grey.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of  
ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Montreal,  
May 14, 1849.

(Received May 23, 1849.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to report that with slight interruptions tranquillity has prevailed in Montreal since the date of my last Despatches. The citizens of all parties begin to perceive that the trade of the town suffers seriously from rioting, and evince a determination to put a stop to it. The Government and Corporation are taking steps for the establishment of an efficient police, on the model of the force instituted by Lord Sydenham, which proved to be so useful. I consider this a very important measure, for it is undoubtedly objectionable that in cases such as the present, the friends of order should place their whole reliance on the military. All other parts of the country are perfectly quiet, and addresses continue to pour in from both sections of the province, expressive of confidence in my administration, and abhorrence of the outrages recently perpetrated in Montreal. I enclose a list of those already received.

2. That the course which I have taken with reference to the Rebellion Losses Bill has excited much irritation against me with a section of the Conservative party cannot I fear be doubted. I have reason also to believe from the extreme virulence and personality with which I have been attacked for some months past by a portion of the opposition press, that the neutrality which I observed during the late elections, and the frankness with which I accepted the ministry imposed on me by the choice of the people, have been deemed in certain quarters an unpardonable dereliction of duty. Nevertheless, I cannot but think that other motives must have conspired with these to induce the promoters of the recent disturbances to direct the hostility of the populace chiefly against me, to the exclusion of others more immediately responsible for the acts complained of.

The course taken by Mr. Papineau, who although he voted for the Rebellion Losses Bill has, in every instance since I sanctioned it, thrown his weight into the scale of the opposition, published letters, such as those of which I enclose copies; the former by a Mr. Brown, a leader in the rebellion; and the latter\* by a gentleman, who was the head of the Montreal branch of the Irish Republican League, instituted last summer on this continent, and many other circumstances of a like character which it would be tedious to enumerate, point irresistibly to the conclusion, that among the prime agents in those disgraceful transactions were persons who had little sympathy in the ostensible objects of

\* This letter has not been received.