

Having disposed of at least one third part of the Indian Presents, and the expense of their delivery, I certainly respectfully recommend that we should continue to deliver them to those few Indians who continue to inhabit Upper Canada.

I have already stated that this expense will shortly be defrayed altogether by the sale of lands they have this year liberally surrendered to me, and even if that were not to be the case, I do think that, enjoying as we do, possession of this noble Province, it is our bounden duty to consider as heir-looms the wreck of that simple minded, ill-fated race, which as I have already stated, is daily and yearly fading before the progress of civilization.

We have only to bear patiently with them for a short time, and with a few exceptions, principally half castes, their unhappy race, beyond our power of redemption, will be extinct.

I am not prepared to recommend that money should be at present substituted for Presents to the resident Indians in this Province.

1st. Because I think, unless good arrangements were previously made, the Indians from their improvident habits would, in many places be left destitute, and,

2d. Without due precaution, a money delivery to so many men, women and children, might possibly be attended by very great impositions.

Another year's experience and reflection will, I make no doubt, enable me to offer to your Lordship a decided opinion on this subject, as I am quite alive to the advantage which we should gain by the substitution of money, if it could be properly effected.

In the expenses of the Indian Department which at present amount to £1610 17s. 10d. per annum, I am of opinion that a reduction might at once be made to the following extent, subject to moderate pensions, the greater part of which might be in grants out of land which has lately been ceded to me by the Indians.

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I also think that a considerable reduction might be made in the contingencies which at present amount to £2,000.

With respect to the pensions, which amount to £462, I conceive that as they have already been sanctioned, they could not, in justice, be repealed.

In conclusion, I now beg leave to refer to my Despatch, No. 31, respecting the age and services of Col. Givins. I conscientiously concur with Sir John Colborne and Sir P. Maitland in recommending that, in the evening of his long and well spent life, this officer may not be neglected by His Majesty's government, to whose service he has been more than half a century unremittingly and devotedly attached.

His name is so identified with the Indian history of this country, that I earnestly hope he may be allowed to retire on his full pay. He has a large family, and his advanced age, must prevent his long receiving the remuneration so strongly recommended by Sir John Colborne, by Sir Peregrine Maitland and by myself.

To replace Colonel Givins, who would continue to assist as an Interpreter, I have already recommended in my Despatch No. 31, the appointment of Mr. Hepburn, who last year has, without salary, been performing the duties of chief superintendent.

I am decidedly of opinion, that at the expiration of three years, a still further reduction may be made in the Indian Department, and that its expenses of every description will, ere long, be completely defrayed by the lands which I have lately obtained from the Indians.

I have, &c., (Signed) F. B. HEAD.

The Right Honorable
THE LORD GLENELG.

A true copy, J. JOSEPH.

Extract from a Despatch addressed to His Excellency Sir F. B. Head, by Lord Glenelg, His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 20th January, 1837, No. 131.

"I have received, and have laid before the King, your despatch of the 20th of November last, No. 95, containing your Report on the Indian tribes in Upper Canada, called for by my despatch of the 14th January, 1836.

"His Majesty commands me to express his satisfaction at the interesting and perspicuous account you have furnished of these people. His Majesty regards, with peculiar approbation, the humane consideration for their national habits and feelings, which appears to have directed your negotiations with them, and which has given birth to the suggestions offered by you regarding the measures to be pursued towards them in future.