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Charges against the management of the Welland Canal Company in addition to those embodied in the report.

December 20, Kingston.

Bishop Macdonell to Glenelg. Sends letter by Macgregor, who has thorough knowledge of Canada. The good qualities and contentment of the French Canadians. Papineau has, however, had his agitators among them for some years, endeavouring to persuade them they are oppressed, but that he would obtain redress for them. In spite of his professions of friendship he is the enemy to their real interests, which he would sacrifice to his own ambition. The more intelligent are perfectly aware of his views and intentions. Every concession made to him only makes him bolder and more insolent and every favour granted to him he tries to show is exacted from fear. Papineau called to his counsels the two greatest agitators in the province, Mackenzie and O'Grady a most abandoned and immoral character. The former was a bankrupt soap boiler in Dundee and when he emigrated begun a fraudulent trade in politics. How he found support for his calumnies. His method of getting up petitions. In Glengarry he attached a thousand forged signatures to his petitions. As soon as he had obtained a sufficient number of petitions he imposed a tax on his dupes to defray his expenses to London. There he enlisted the services of Hume and Roebuck, but none of his promises have been fulfilled, his partisans have lost faith in him. O'Grady also established a paper which exceeded if possible MacKenzie's in scurrility. They, however, joined their talents having concluded that their joint abuse would have greater effect on the public mind. These are the worthy co-adjutors of the agitator of Lower Canada in the important work of obtaining liberty and happiness for his countrymen.

December 22, Treasury. Stanley to Grey. The Lords of the Treasury must withhold their sanction to the appointment of a clerk in the Indian department or for any increase to the establishment.

December 26, Toronto. McKenzie to Glenelg. Has sent a letter to Hume to the care of His Lordship's department. 836

December 28, London. Jones to the same. Recalls the case of Yates, an American citizen, on whose behalf a bill was passed to enable him to hold land, but as it was not sanctioned within two years, it became a dead letter. Yates intends to petition the provincial legislature to pass another bill, if he can be assured it would receive the royal assent. He is a large stock holder in the Welland Canal.

December 31.

Unsigned to Stanley. Has received letter containing the opinion of the Treasury that the advances made to the Lanark settlers should be paid from the land revenue. Glenelg opposes the opinion for reasons given in addition to which were others of a political nature which would oppose an insuperable obstacle to such a measure. Glenelg agrees with Aberdeen that the settlers should not be called on for repayment, but the loss should be borne by the United Kingdom.

No date.

O'Conor Don to Grey. Desires to know whether John Sloane is alive and if so where he is at present.

Memorial of Angus McDonell. He was authorised to settle on lot 37 in the township of Moore and has settled and improved the property. Peter Robinson, Crown Lands Agent, has, however, sold the lot to another. Prays that he may be allowed to retain possession, or to be given another vacant lot on the front of the township of Moore.

Enclosed. Minute of Council authorising McDonell to settle on lot 37 in the township of Moore.

1836. March 10.

Unsigned to Head. Has received memorial from Nicklin respecting land he states was promised to himself and his sons but of which he had lost the