

—No. 8.—

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from the Earl of *Gosford* to Lord *Glenelg* dated
Castle St. Lewis, 18 April 1837.

I SEE no chance whatever of any serious commotion here in consequence of your proceedings; however, you may rely on my taking every precaution. As to armed resistance, I see no ground for apprehending any thing of the kind. I shall act with all possible vigilance; at the same time avoid all demonstration of alarm.

No. 8.
Earl of Gosford to
Lord Glenelg,
18 April 1837.

—No. 9.—

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from the Earl of *Gosford* to Lord *Glenelg*, dated
Castle St. Lewis, 6 May 1837.

I SHALL retain your letter to Sir Colin Campbell, seeing no sort of necessity at present for augmenting the military force of this Province. I have communicated to Sir John Colborne my wish to have a regiment always stationed at Montreal; but I have not the least expectation of any thing serious. If a dissolution of the present Parliament were to take place, there might be some broken heads, but nothing in the shape of general or combined commotion. I shall write to Sir Francis Head, and mention the military arrangements about to take place.

No. 9.
Earl of Gosford to
Lord Glenelg,
6 May 1837.

—No. 10.—

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Lord *Glenelg* to the Earl of *Gosford*, dated
Downing-street, 13 June 1837.

I EARNESTLY hope that nothing will occur to disappoint the expectation which you had formed of the undisturbed continuance of peace and good order in the Province.

I have not yet received the list of names which, in your letter of the 8th March, you led me shortly to expect; but I trust that I shall very soon be in possession of all the information on this subject which is essential to enable me to address to you the definitive instructions which it is obviously important you should receive before the meeting of the Legislature. I much regret to inform you that the King has been seriously indisposed during the last week, and though I am happy to say there has been some improvement, I fear his health is in a state to occasion great anxiety. This circumstance has necessarily occasioned some delay in the introduction of the Bill relating to Lower Canada, and it is not in my power to state the precise period at which it will be submitted to Parliament; but unless any circumstances should have induced you to differ from the opinion which I communicated to you in my Despatch of the 22d ultimo, as to the course to be adopted under existing circumstances in the Province, I am not aware that I could at present add any thing to the instructions contained in that Despatch.

No. 10.
Lord Glenelg to
Earl of Gosford,
13 June 1837.

—No. 11.—

(No. 225.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord *Glenelg* to the Earl of *Gosford*, dated
Downing-street, 29 June 1837.

My Lord,

THE interruption occasioned to the progress of the public business of the present Session of Parliament by the melancholy event of the demise of his late Majesty, renders it necessary for me to address you without delay as to the course which it is proposed to adopt, with reference to existing affairs in Lower Canada. Her Majesty's Government feel, that in the prospect of an early dissolution of Parliament, it is impossible, consistently with a due regard to the public

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Lord Glenelg to
Earl of Gosford,
29 June 1837.