

No. 1.

*The War Office to Lieutenant-General the Honourable James Lindsay.*

Sir,

24th March, 1870.

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to transmit, for your information and guidance, the inclosed copy of a letter from the Colonial Office, containing instructions on certain points connected with your mission to Canada. Mr. Cardwell desires me to request that you will report home your intended arrangements as soon as you are in a position to do so, in order that the proper instructions may be given to the Admiralty and other departments concerned.

I am, &c.

E. LUGARD.

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Enclosure in No. 1.

*The Colonial Office to the War Office.*

(Extract.)

23rd March, 1870.

IT is possible that General Lindsay may be required by Sir John Young to send to the Red River Territory a detachment not exceeding 200 infantry and a small force of artillery, in company with a larger body of Canadians, to maintain order in that settlement during the process of its annexation to Canada.

The British Force should leave the Red River Territory at latest at the end of September, so as to embark for England during the season of 1870, unless they form part of a Regiment which is to remain in the Dominion.

General Lindsay will consult Sir J. Young with regard to the selection of the force itself, and of the officer who is to command it, on whose firmness, prudence, and judgment much may depend.

The selection of the officer will be still more important if, as is possible, the Canadian Government should desire him to act as the first Civil Lieutenant-Governor of the district.

General Lindsay will of course be responsible for all arrangements affecting the safety and health of the troops.

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No. 2.

*The War Office to Lieutenant-General the Honourable James Lindsay.*

Sir,

24th March, 1870.

WITH reference to my letter of this day's date, enclosing copy of a letter of instructions for your guidance in your present mission to Canada, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to add, with reference to so much of the letter from the Colonial Office as relates to a possible military expedition to the Red River Territory, that although Her Majesty's Government do not sanction or contemplate the detention of the troops in the Red River Settlement during the winter of 1870-71, yet it will be your duty, before the troops leave for it, to ascertain from the Canadian Government that precautions will be taken