

Her Majesty

(COPY.) No. 76.

Downing Street,
25th May, 1838.

SIR:

I have had the honor to lay before the Queen, the address to Her Majesty from the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, dated 27th February, praying a reconsideration by the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations, of the opinions expressed by them on the 2nd May 1837, relative to the Trade and Commerce of Upper Canada.

Her Majesty has commanded me to refer this address and the resolutions by which it is accompanied to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and the result of their Lordships' deliberations on the subject will be communicated to you for the information of the House of Assembly, so soon as that result shall have been submitted to Her Majesty and shall have received Her sanction.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed.)

GLENELG.

Major General

SIR GEORGE ARTHUR,
&c. &c. &c.



(COPY.) No. 137.

Downing Street,
31st August, 1838.

SIR:

With reference to my despatch of the 25th May last, No. 76, I have now the honor to inform you that the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, having had under their consideration the Address to Her Majesty from the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, dated the 27th February last, together with the resolutions on which that address is presented relative to the Trade and Commerce of Upper Canada, have reported to me that it would not in their opinion be proper to permit tea to be brought into that Province from the United States, under the hope of thereby preventing its illicit introduction by that channel.

Their Lordships observe that there is no Imperial duty on tea in Canada, and as the smuggler would still endeavour to evade the Colonial duty, an important principle of the navigation laws of this country would be abandoned in vain.

For this reason therefore, and for those stated in the letter from their Lordships' Secretary of 2nd May 1837, they feel themselves precluded from recommending to Parliament those changes in the navigation Law,—in the Colonial system,—and in the corn laws of the United Kingdom—the attainment of which is the object of the address from the House of Assembly of Upper Canada.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed.)

GLENELG.

Major General

SIR GEORGE ARTHUR,
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(COPY.) No. 77.

Downing Street,
25th May, 1838.

SIR:

I have had the honor to lay at the Foot of the Throne the address to Her Majesty from the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, dated the 26th February last, praying that Her Majesty would recommend to the Imperial Parliament, the passing of an Act to determine the division between the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada of the duties arising from Imports at the Port of Quebec. The Queen was pleased to receive this address very graciously, but Her Majesty commands me to state that she is not in possession of the information necessary for fixing any determinate rule for the division of duties between the two Provinces. It would seem to admit of serious doubt whether the distribution ought not to fluctuate with the varying proportion which must subsist at different times between the contributions made by either Province to this branch of the Revenue, and therefore whether it is not indispensable that the division should continue as at present, subject to periodical revisions. For these reasons it will not be possible to bring the subject under the consideration of Parliament during the present Session, but Her Majesty has referred it to the consideration of the Earl of Durham, and will await his opinion before any decision is finally taken respecting the reference of the question to the Imperial Parliament.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed.)

GLENELG.

Major-General

SIR GEORGE ARTHUR,
&c. &c. &c.