

present application for his children amounts to 10,800 more, I feel that I could not, without the express sanction of His Majesty's Government, grant so large a quantity of land to any one family; and I therefore request that you will be pleased to inform me, whether you would authorize me to comply with his request.

I have, &c.
(signed) *James Kempt.*

No. 14.
Despatch from
Lieut.-Gen.
Sir J. Kempt to
Right Hon.
Sir G. Murray,
5 February 1829.

— 15. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from Sir G. Murray to Lieut.-General Sir J. Kempt.

Sir,

Downing-street, 11 May 1829.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 5th February last, requesting instructions as to complying with an application which you have recently received from Mr. Felton, for grants of 1,200 acres of land for each of his children, amounting in the whole to 10,800 acres. I am well aware that Mr. Felton has expended a large capital in improving the grants of land which he has received; but taking also into my consideration the extent of those grants, I do not feel myself justified in authorizing an addition of more than 200 acres to Mr. Felton's grant for each of his children.

I have, &c.
(signed) *G. Murray.*

No. 15.
Despatch from
Sir G. Murray
to Lieut.-Gen.
Sir J. Kempt,
11 May 1829.

— No. 16. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from Mr. Secretary Stanley to Lord Aylmer;
(with Enclosures.)

My Lord,

Downing-street, 1 April 1834.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that among the papers lately sent home from Lower Canada for The House of Commons, my attention has been called to a Return of all grants of land made to members of the Legislative Council up to the 1st July 1832, which, together with other papers required by The House, reached this Department, in your Lordship's despatch, No. 68, of the 10th July, on the 9th September last.

The point which I consider to require immediate notice, and upon which I desire to receive information with the least possible delay, is the quantity of land which is stated to have been granted to Mr. Felton, the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and to his family, and which would appear by the abovementioned return, to amount to upwards of 23,000 acres. On a reference to the correspondence which is to be found in this Department, it seems that the number of acres which the Secretary of State from time to time authorized to be granted to Mr. Felton and his family, differ in several respects from the numbers stated in the Return now furnished for The House of Commons. I enclose a statement from which this will clearly appear. But the most important circumstance is, that Mr. Felton having applied to Sir J. Kempt in 1829 for a grant of 1,200 acres to each of his children, Sir James, in transmitting to the Secretary of State this application, expressed his opinion that the prayer of the petition ought not to be complied with, and Sir George Murray decided that the indulgence to be given should be limited to a grant of 200 acres to each of his children. How it has happened that 1,200 acres have been granted to each child after so express a denial of what could not but be considered as a most unreasonable application on the part of Mr. Felton, considering the quantity of land which he had already received, I am at a loss to explain. I must, therefore, desire that your Lordship will call upon Mr. Felton for the necessary explanation on this point, and that if the grants have not actually issued, you will take care they are withheld; for so large a deviation from the instructions of the Secretary of State cannot possibly be sanctioned. Upon the whole subject, however, I trust that some error will be found to exist, and that I shall not be called upon to signify that decision which, if the facts should be such as they at this moment appear, I should be bound to adopt in a case which admits of so little indulgence.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. G. Stanley.*

No. 16.
Despatch from
Mr. Sec. Stanley
to Lord Aylmer,
1 April 1834.