

one, or at most, two companies of that regiment and half a company of artillery will have to be detached from Halifax for service either at Fredericton or St. John's in New Brunswick. The small outposts which have been heretofore maintained, both within the province of Nova Scotia itself and without it, as at Cape Breton, St. Andrew's in New Brunswick, must be abandoned, and the detachment of the 76th Regiment on service in Prince Edward's Island must likewise be withdrawn.

You will lose no time in making all necessary preparations for carrying these arrangements into effect.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

NOVA SCOTIA.

No. 13.

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COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Hon. SIR GEORGE GREY, Bart., to  
Lieut.-Governor Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT.

(No. 1.)

SIR,

Downing Street, 18th August, 1854.

THE despatch\* of the Duke of Newcastle, No. 2, military, of the 19th April, in acknowledgment of the generous offer made by both branches of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, in the event of Her Majesty deeming it necessary to withdraw any portion of her troops from that province, will have led you possibly to have anticipated an earlier announcement of the intentions of Her Majesty's Government on this subject.

I now transmit to you for your information, and as serving to explain to you the general grounds on which Her Majesty's Government have come to a decision on this subject, the copy of a despatch which I have addressed to the Governor-General of Canada, dated 11th August.

The Lieutenant-General in command of the forces in Nova Scotia, has been informed by the present mail that it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to withdraw the 72nd Regiment from Nova Scotia, together with one company of artillery, thus reducing the force within the limits of his command to one regiment of infantry, the 76th, which will be increased to 850 rank and file, and two companies of artillery.

He has been instructed further that this regiment and the artillery are to be quartered at Halifax, but that one or possibly two companies of the former, and half a company of the artillery, should be detached for service, either at Fredericton, or St. John's in New Brunswick; also that the several small outposts within the command will have to be abandoned, and the detachment of the 76th Regiment on service in Prince Edward Island withdrawn, and that he is to lose no time in taking the necessary steps for carrying these arrangements into effect.

I will take an early opportunity of communicating with you on the subjects of the proposals contained in your despatch No. 35, of the 25th May, regarding the embodiment of a militia force in Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) GEORGE GREY.

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## DESPATCHES TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

PRINCE  
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ISLAND.

No. 14.

No. 14.

COPY of DESPATCH from Right Hon. Sir JOHN S. PAKINGTON to Lieut.-Governor Sir A. BANNERMAN.

No. 1.

SIR,

Downing Street, 2nd July 1852.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 19, of the 23rd of April last, with the communications therein enclosed which have passed between

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