

No. 9.

(No. 3.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to Lieut.-Governor Sir G. ARTHUR, K.C.H.

SIR,

Downing-street, 12th Sept., 1839.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 161, of the 27th of July last, enclosing a petition to Her Majesty, from the United Synod of the Presbyterian church of Upper Canada, convened in annual meeting at Cavan, praying that, in the distribution of the clergy reserves, an equal proportion may be awarded to them with other religious denominations.

I have to acquaint you in reply, that this petition has been laid before the Queen, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to receive the same very graciously.

I have, &c.

Sir G. Arthur, K.C.H.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

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Lord John Russell
to Sir G. Arthur.
12th Sept. 1839.

No. 10.

(No. 18.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to Lieut.-Governor Sir G. ARTHUR, K.C.H.

SIR,

Downing-street, 10th Oct., 1839.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 190, of the 14th ult., transmitting a general abstract of the returns, showing the religious census of the population of Upper Canada, which have been furnished by the Clerks of the Peace, on the requisition of the House of Assembly.

This document, inaccurate and incomplete as it is, for the reasons you have stated, is, nevertheless, of considerable value; as an approximation to the truth; and I should wish, if possible, that the means should be found of supplying its deficiencies, and of correcting any errors which are to be found in it. I fear, from the report you make of the imperfections of the returns themselves; from which the abstract is taken, that this will be impracticable without a new inquiry more carefully conducted. It is not improbable that the Assembly may themselves adopt measures for correcting and completing the returns; but should you find that no steps are taken for that purpose, it is my desire that you should bring the subject under the attention of the House.

I have, &c.

Sir G. Arthur, K.C.H.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

No. 10.
Lord John Russell
to Sir G. Arthur.
10th Oct. 1839.

No. 11.

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SIR,

Downing-street, 12th Oct. 1839.

HER Majesty's Government having had under their consideration your several despatches, of the numbers and dates noted in the margin, containing various Bills which had been passed by the Legislature of Upper Canada during their last session, and which you had felt it your duty to reserve for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure; I have now to furnish you with such observations as your communications on these Bills appear to require, and to announce to you the decision of Her Majesty upon them.

Your despatches No. 110, No. 135, and "Separate," relate to the Bill passed by the Provincial Legislature, intituled "An Act to dispose of the lands, commonly called the Clergy Reserves, and for other purposes therein mentioned." As Her Majesty has, for the reasons which I shall hereafter state to you, been advised to withhold Her Assent from this Bill; it is unnecessary that I should further advert to the very clear and detailed statement which accompanies it, than to thank you for the exertions you have made, to place Her Majesty's Government in possession of all the information which could be required for the full consideration of this important question.

No. 11.
Lord John Russell
to Sir G. Arthur.
12th Oct. 1839.
No. 110, 14th May,
" 118, 18th
" 131, 8th June,
" 135,
Separate, 27th July.

No. 1147.
For Sir G. Arthur's
Despatch of 14th
May, No. 110, and
8th June, No. 135,
vide Papers ordered
by the House of
Lords to be printed
26th Aug. 1839.
No. 191, pages 18
and 26; and ditto
by the House of
Commons 15th Aug.
1839, No. 537;
pages 19 and 26.