

they do not in effect weaken the security to be provided for the Crown, and to pass the Bill with a suspending clause. Yet if Your Lordship prefers that the draft should be settled here, as Messrs. Crane and Wilmot are now in London, I shall be ready, if they are so disposed, to assist them in making such alterations in the present draft as Your Lordship may on further consideration decide upon; for I am guided solely by a wish to get the matter settled in a way that will be most conducive to the best interests of the Province; and I am quite sure that the same object alone, has directed the proceedings of His Excellency Sir A. Campbell and my brother members of the Executive Council, in every step they have taken on this important subject.

I have, &c.

GEO. FRED. STREET.

The Right Honorable Lord GLENELG,
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Downing Street, 2d March, 1837.

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive your Despatches of the 25th November, 23d December and 6th January last, relative to the arrangements effected in the course of last summer for surrendering to the House of Assembly of New Brunswick in return for a Civil List the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Province. Your Despatches of the 25th November and 23d December are designed to call my attention to certain parts of my instructions on this subject, which appear to you to have been either indefinitely expressed or founded on incorrect data. Your Despatch of the 6th January encloses the Journals of the House of Assembly up to the 4th of that month, shewing the manner in which the answer of His Majesty to their Address of the 14th March, 1836, had been received. Before noticing the two former Despatches, I am commanded by His Majesty to express His gratification at the cordial manner in which from the Journals of the 26th and 28th December last, His proposals to the Assembly on the subject of the Civil List appear to have been accepted; and the satisfaction which He feels at the prospect of an early and conclusive settlement of this important question.

I now proceed to reply to your Despatches of the 25th November and 23d December last—the former of which had, however, been in a great measure anticipated by my subsequent communication of the 31st October, and by the draft of the Civil List Bill enclosed in it.

1st. In regard to those portions of the Casual and Territorial Revenue which have been invested in various securities, I do not apprehend that any difficulty can arise. Those investments having been effected previously to the surrender of the Revenue to the Assembly, must of course be taken over by that body subject to any existing obligations. If they should disapprove the nature of the investment, which however I see no reason to anticipate, it will be in their power to terminate it at the end of the present year.

2d. You state that a considerable error exists in the calculation by which it is made to appear that after defraying the charges placed on the Civil List, there would remain an available surplus of £566 sterling; that instead of this the whole surplus would amount only to £190 19s. currency, and that if a charge of £300 were