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 Lord Glenelg
 to
 Sir F. B. Head,
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those who had the Honour to serve him in the Province, however high or however subordinate might be their respective Stations.

By a stedfast Adherence to these Rules I trust that an effective System of Responsibility would be established throughout the whole Body of public Officers in Upper Canada, from the highest to the lowest, without the Introduction of any new and hazardous Schemes, and without Recourse to any System of which the Prudence and Safety have not been sufficiently ascertained by a long Course of practical Experience.

15. I next advert to Two Subjects of far more Importance than any of those to which I have hitherto adverted. I refer to the Demand made partly in the Report of the Committee, and partly in the Address from the Assembly to His Majesty, for Changes in the Mode of appointing legislative Councillors, and for the Control by the Assembly of the territorial and casual Revenues of the Crown.

On these Subjects I am, to a considerable Extent, relieved from the Necessity of any particular Investigation, because Claims precisely identical have been preferred by the Assembly of Lower Canada, and because, in the Instructions to the Commissioners of Inquiry who have visited that Province, I have already had occasion to state the Views which have received His Majesty's deliberate Sanction. The Principles of Government in the Two Sister Provinces must, I am well aware, be in every material respect the same; I shall therefore annex for your Information, as an Appendix to this Despatch, so much of the Instructions to the Earl of Gosford and his Colleagues as applies to these Topics.

In the Prosecution of the Inquiries of the Commissioners in Lower Canada, they will be instructed to enter into full and unreserved Communication with you upon these Questions, and to frame their Report in such a Manner as may enable His Majesty to adopt a just and final Conclusion upon the Course to be pursued respecting them in both the Canadas. For this Purpose you will supply the Commissioners with all the Information which you may think necessary for them to receive, and with every Suggestion which you may think it expedient to make for their Assistance in comparing the State of these Questions in the Two Provinces. If it should ultimately appear desirable, the Commission may perhaps be directed to resort to Upper Canada, there to pursue, in concurrence with yourself, a more exact Inquiry into these Subjects than they could institute at Quebec, in reference to the Affairs of the Upper Province.

In general, the Earl of Gosford and his Colleagues will be directed to enter into unreserved Communication with you, not only on the Points just mentioned, but on every Subject of common Interest to the Two Provinces. You on your Part will conduct yourself towards them in the most cordial Spirit of Frankness and Co-operation.

I have thus, in Order, adverted to every Subject to which the Assembly of Upper Canada have called the Attention of His Majesty's Government. You will communicate to the Legislative Council and to that House the Substance of this Despatch, as containing the Answer which His Majesty is pleased to make to the Addresses and Representations which I have had the Honour to lay before Him from the Two Houses in their last Session. I trust that in this Answer they will find sufficient Evidence of the earnest Desire by which His Majesty's Councils are animated to provide for the Redress of every Grievance by which any Class of His Majesty's Canadian Subjects are affected.

I close this Communication with the Expression of my earnest Hope, and I trust not too confident Belief, that the Representatives of the People of Upper Canada will receive with Gratitude and Cordiality this renewed Proof of His Majesty's paternal Solicitude for the Welfare of his loyal Subjects in that Province; and that, laying aside all groundless Distrusts, they will cheerfully co-operate with the King, and with you as His Majesty's Representative, in advancing the Prosperity of that interesting and valuable Portion of the British Empire.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GLENELG.
