

PRINCE  
EDWARD'S  
ISLAND.

Ordnance, to acquaint you, for the information of the Duke of Newcastle, that a reference having been made to the Assistant Inspector General of fortifications on this subject, that officer has reported thereon as follows:—viz:—“The works at Charlotte Town, Prince Edward’s Island, have not been kept up for some years, and I am not aware of there being any military objection to the settlement of pensioners on the reserve called ‘Warren Farm,’ upon similar conditions to those established in Canada. Warren Farm is at the entrance of the harbour, and the two works there are in ruins. The sites should be so far reserved that no buildings be allowed upon them, in order to avoid future difficulties in case of this coast being threatened. I referred the papers to Colonel Savage, R.E., lately returned from the station, who sees no objection, but thinks the ground has been let; whether the lease will offer any difficulty, may perhaps be a question for the solicitor.” I am further to state, for His Grace’s information, that the Board have called upon their officers at Prince Edward’s Island to report whether there is any lease affecting the land in question, and, if so, upon what terms the lessee would surrender the lease; and, should the conditions of the lease admit of it, that they will give summary notice to the parties to quit the land, on the ground that it is required for the public service.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) J. P. Woon.

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No. 23.

No. 23. COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Sir GEO. GREY to Lieutenant-Governor DALY.

No. 5.

SIR,

Downing Street, 10th March 1855.

I HAVE to acknowledge your Despatch No. 2, of the 29th January last, transmitting a Memorial to Her Majesty from certain gentlemen in Charlotte Town, relative to the enrolment of a Volunteer Rifle Corps.

I have to instruct you to inform the memorialists, that Her Majesty is fully sensible of the loyalty and patriotism which has dictated this offer on the part of Her subjects in Prince Edward’s Island.

It is the wish of Her Majesty’s Government that every encouragement should be given to the formation of local corps for the defence of the colony, but the particular mode in which this object should be attained must be left in their opinion, in the first instance, to the discretion of the officer administering the Government.

I have no reason to doubt the expediency of the course you have taken in postponing a compliance with the present application, and I am convinced that you will afford every proper facility for the formation of such corps in a manner best calculated to ensure their usefulness and efficiency.

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

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No. 24.

No. 24. COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Sir GEORGE GREY to Lieutenant-Governor DALY.

No. 9.

SIR,

Downing Street, 22nd March 1855.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 1., of the 29th of January last, enclosing a copy of a Minute of the Executive Council of Prince Edward’s Island, suggesting that a rifle corps should be permanently enrolled for the defence of the island, to supply the place of Her Majesty’s troops.

I have to acquaint you that the Board of Ordnance have received instructions to comply with the request of the Council as expressed in their Minute, to be allowed to appropriate towards the equipment of the corps about to be enrolled, the arms and Ordnance stores now under the charge of the Ordnance store-keeper in the island, and the corps is to be furnished, in addition, with 100 sabres and pistols with belts and pouches from this country.

I have further to instruct you to express to the Council the sense which Her Majesty’s Government entertain of the spirit of patriotism and self-reliance evinced by the authorities of Prince Edward’s Island by the project which they have thus formed for the defence of the colony.

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