

C A N A D A.

RETURN to an Address of The Honourable the House of Commons,
dated 15 May 1835:—for.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right honourable *Thomas Spring Rice* to Lord *Aylmer*, authorizing him to pay the OFFICERS of the CIVIL GOVERNMENT of CANADA certain Monies not appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature of *Canada*.

Colonial Department, Downing-street, }
18 May 1835.

G. GREY.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 27 Sept. 1834.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that His Majesty's Government, being fully aware of the extreme inconvenience to which your Government has necessarily been exposed by the failure of the Supply Bill for the year 1833, and by the absence of any provision for the expenses of the Public Service for the present year, have had under their most serious consideration the steps which it would be most desirable to adopt with the view of relieving you from such a state of embarrassment.

The most gratifying termination to this state of things that can be anticipated is unquestionably the settlement of the Financial differences of the Province in a manner satisfactory to all parties, and such as may meet the reasonable views of His Majesty's Subjects of all classes in Canada. This supposition is one which it is my most earnest desire to realize, and to its accomplishment the most anxious endeavours of the Government are now directed. But in the interval which must occur before these discussions can be brought to a close, I am bound, in justice to those who fill public situations, to consider the privations and hardships to which they are subject by the delay which has taken place in the payment of their Salaries, and to devise some immediate means for providing funds for their relief. Nothing but the unprecedented nature of the call would justify the Government in having recourse to such a measure, especially since (as your Lordship is aware) there is a sum amply sufficient to meet the demands of the Public Service remaining in the Public Chest, but which cannot with propriety be appropriated until a Supply Bill has been passed by the Assembly. It is under these peculiar circumstances that it has been determined by His Majesty's Government to authorize an advance to be made from the Military Chest, not exceeding the sum of £.31,000, being the amount required to defray the Services of the year 1833. I do not mean to direct these payments to be made in all cases, for it would be unquestionably more advantageous in many respects that a course of proceeding, only to be justified by inevitable necessity, should not be resorted to. But my intention is to vest in your Lordship, under the responsibility of His Majesty's Government, an authority to meet such extreme cases of pressure as may require your interposition, and may not admit of delay till the entire question is disposed of, by a temporary advance from the Extraordinary Funds of the Mother Country, giving this relief in a manner which does not prejudice any of the points under discussion, and feeling convinced that out of the Supplies which I trust will be voted by the Legislature of Lower Canada this advance will be cheerfully repaid.

You will, upon the meeting of the Legislature, take the earliest opportunity of making the two Houses acquainted with the course which His Majesty's Government have felt it necessary to adopt; and I entertain a confident expectation that the financial condition of the Province will receive from the Legislature that attention which its paramount importance demands.

I have, &c.

To Lieut.-General Lord Aylmer,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *T. Spring Rice.*