

His Excellency therefore invites the Corporation of _____ to cause to be prepared a paper setting forth the reasons which may in their opinion favor the claim of that place to be selected by the Queen.

With every wish to afford full time for preparing these statements, His Excellency desires that it may be in the hands of the Colonial Secretary by the first week of July in the present year.

You will please, if you see fit to comply with His Excellency's desire, to address the packet to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, London, and endorse it with the words "City of _____ Canada."

I have, &c.,

(Signed.)

R. T. PENNEFATHER,

Gov's Secretary.

To His Worship the Mayor of Toronto, Kingston,
Montreal, Ottawa, and Quebec.

Copy No. 50.

DOWNING STREET,
17th April, 1857.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge your Despatch No. 49, of the 28th ult., forwarding addresses from the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to exercise the Royal Prerogative by the selection of some place for the permanent Seat of Government in Canada. I understand the object of these Addresses to be the selection of some fitting place at which, under all ordinary circumstances, the Legislature of the Province should henceforward be called together, and where the necessary Public Buildings may be provided for that purpose as well as for the general administration of the affairs of Canada.

I have to inform you that Her Majesty, on the advice of her Ministers, and fully weighing the importance of the reference thus made to Her by the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada has been graciously pleased to comply with the prayer of these memorials.

I shall wait the further information which your Despatch promises, and in particular the replies which may be received to the circular which you have addressed to the Mayors of the several Cities, before taking any further steps to initiate the necessary examination into the relative advantages of the places indicated for the information of Her Majesty.

I have, &c.,

(Signed.)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor

Sir Edmund Head, Bart., &c., &c., &c.