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DOWNING STREET, 15th December, 1870.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's Despatch, No. 266, of the 16th November, enclosing a copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, reporting that Captain McDonald, of the Ontario Rifles, had been granted leave of absence, to enable him to proceed to the relief of the Indians suffering from small-pox in the Valley of the Saskatchewan.

I have learnt with satisfaction that Colonel Casault was able to spare the services of Dr. McDonald, for a mission so much needed in the interests of humanity.

I have, &c.,

(Signed), KIMBERLEY.

Governor, the Right Honorable
The Lord Lisgar, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES,
OTTAWA, 12th January, 1871.

SIR,—Adverting to your Despatch, No. 29, of the 24th October last, I have the honor No. 493, 15th to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Dec., 1870. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to the leave of absence granted to Captain McDonald, of the Ontario Rifles, to enable him to proceed to the relief of the Indians suffering from the small-pox, in the Valley of the Saskatchewan.

May I request you to communicate the substance of this Despatch to Lieut.-Colonel Casault.

I have, &c.,

(Signed), JOSEPH HOWE,
Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Honorable A. G. Archibald,
Lieutenant-Governor, Fort Garry.

RUPERT'S LAND AND THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES.

(No. 26.)

FORT GARRY, October 22nd, 1870.

SIR,—I beg to acquaint you that I have found it necessary to take some steps with a view to arrest the spread of small-pox in the region of the Saskatchewan, and to prevent its introduction into the Province of Manitoba.

I send you herewith an extract from a letter of the Reverend Père Lacombe, to the Right Reverend the Bishop of St. Boniface, which has just arrived from the Saskatchewan, and which gives a frightful picture of the disease and of its loathsome nature, and of the extent to which it prevails. There seems to be much danger of the introduction of the disease into Manitoba, and there is great difficulty, by a mere Order in Council, to adopt measures sufficiently stringent.

We could hardly give the force of law to any regulations we might adopt, and such regulations, even if valid, could extend to the Province only.

Under these circumstances, I have thought it best to use the Legislative Authority of the Governor and Council of Rupert's Land and the North West Territories, to enact such provisions on the subject as the circumstances would seem to justify. I shall endeavor, herewith, to enclose you a Copy of the Ordinances that have been framed,