

No. 7.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Marquis of NORMANBY to Lieut.-Governor
Sir GEORGE ARTHUR, K.C.H.

(Separate.)

SIR,

Downing-street, 3rd July, 1839.

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The Marquis of
Normanby to
Sir G. Arthur
3rd July, 1839.

SINCE I wrote to you my despatch, marked "separate" of the 30th ultimo, I have determined to consult Viscount Palmerston and the Lords of the Admiralty, as to the answer which it will be proper to advise The Queen to return to the Address of the Council and Assembly of Upper Canada, on the subject of the services and claims of Commander Drew. I therefore defer, for the present, an official answer to that Address.

Sir G. Arthur, K.C.H.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

I have, &c.
NORMANBY.

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(No. 93.)

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Sir GEORGE ARTHUR, K.C.H.

SIR,

Downing-street, 13th August, 1839.

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Sir G. Arthur.
13th August, 1839.

WITH reference to my despatch of the 27th June, No. 71, in which I informed you, that, by The Queen's command, I had referred, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the Address to Her Majesty of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada, praying that the surplus revenue of the post office in the province, might be placed at their disposal, and that the privilege of franking might be conceded to the Members of the Legislature during its sessions, I have now the honour to acquaint you that their Lordships have stated their opinion to be that, adverting to the very comprehensive alteration about to be made in the mode of carrying on the post office communication between Great Britain and the North American Provinces, it would be very undesirable to adopt at present any new arrangement for effecting the objects contemplated by the Address of the Legislature of Upper Canada.

I have, at the same time, to call your attention to the provisions of the Imperial Statute 4 and 5 Will. IV., cap. 7, which formed the subject of Mr. Spring Rice's Circular Despatch of the 5th October, 1834, and to observe that, before sanctioning in any one province an alteration in the existing law, Her Majesty's Government deem it essential, to the satisfactory management of this important department, that the previous concurrence of the several legislatures should be obtained, to a system applicable alike to the whole.

You will have the goodness to communicate this Despatch to the Council and Assembly, as forming Her Majesty's answer to their Address.

Sir G. Arthur, K.C.H.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

I have, &c.
NORMANBY.