

As it is not intended to offer any Objection to the Petition being printed, it is the Intention of Sir George Grey to move immediately for the Production of an Extract from your Despatch of the 21st April, and of the Enclosures referred to in that Part of the Despatch, which will be produced, and which will be printed at the same Time with the Petition.

I need scarcely add, that I consider the Explanation which you have afforded to be a full and complete Answer to the Charge, which has been preferred against you.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GLENELG.

No. 8.
Lord Glenelg
to
Sir F. B. Head,
13th June 1836.

No. 9.

(No. 64.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord GLENELG to Sir F. B. HEAD, K. C. H.

Sir,

Downing Street, 14th June 1836.

I AVAIL myself of the earliest Opportunity which I have been able to find for acknowledging the Receipt of the Despatches enumerated in the Margin.

It must be superfluous to assure you of the deep and lively Interest with which His Majesty's Government contemplate the recent Proceedings in Upper Canada, or to state our Conviction of the decisive Influence which your Measures must exercise on the Affairs of British North America in general. With such Views of the Magnitude of the Occasion, I find it impossible to discuss the various Questions raised or suggested by the Despatches before me, until I shall have been able to bring them fully under the Notice of my Colleagues; at the same Time, there are some Topics which I do not think it right to postpone, and to which I shall for the present confine myself.

It is with equal Surprise and Concern that I have read the Terms in which, in your Despatch of the 8th of May, you refer to my Despatch No. 40. of the 22d of March. You observe that it is your Duty to receive with silent Submission all Expressions of my Disapprobation, and proceed to defend yourself against the Charges which you understand me as having intended to prefer. I am, however, at once able and happy to say, in the most unqualified Manner, that my Despatch of the 22d of March was not written with the Design of conveying any Reproof, or of intimating any Disapprobation; and I am persuaded that on referring to it again, you will be satisfied that no Room really exists for the less favourable Construction which you have given to my Words. Entertaining Doubts of the Conformity to Parliamentary Usage of one of your Proceedings, and not satisfied as to the Prudence of another, I expressed my Views without the slightest Reserve, though not without some Uncertainty how far they might be well founded. In thus addressing you, nothing could be more remote from my Purpose than to censure your Conduct; I simply availed myself of that Privilege of frank and open Intercourse, which must subsist between all Persons jointly engaged in the Pursuit of a common political Object, and without which public Affairs could never be conducted with Safety or Success. Ready as I am, at all Times, to receive and to invite from the Governors of His Majesty's Colonies, the Expression of any Dissent from my own Judgment, I think myself entitled to claim from them an equal Freedom in avowing whatever Difficulty I may feel respecting any of their Measures. It is my earnest Wish to maintain, with yourself especially, such Habits of reciprocal Confidence as shall, in our official Relation to each other, ensure both of us against Misconceptions, which might be prejudicial to His Majesty's Service and to the general Interests of the King's Subjects.

Your Construction of my Despatch No. 40. has given me the greater Pain, because to address you in the Language of Reproof was not only remote from my real Intention, but in direct Contradiction to it.

Without anticipating the Opinions which I may hereafter have to express respecting your Administration of the Government of Upper Canada, I cannot omit to acknowledge that it has been characterized by a Zeal for the general Good of the Province, and by an Energy, Firmness, and Promptitude of Decision which entitle you to the cordial Sympathy and grateful Acknowledgments

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