

Mr. Cardwell has not learnt from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Expedition has been positively resolved upon; but considering the season, already so far advanced, and the shortness of the interval during which it will be possible to march to and from Fort Garry, it is quite right that you should have taken all preliminary measures so as to be prepared to move without delay, so soon as the definite instructions shall be given you.

The Secretary of State for War has no objection to your increasing the force in the manner you propose,—on the terms mentioned in your message. He presumes that you will have communicated by post the full particulars of the arrangement, and will have informed him clearly not only as to the agreement between you and the Government of the Dominion for the ultimate payment, but also as to the charge which is likely to fall upon the estimates voted for the present year. It is important that he should be fully informed upon this point, while Parliament is still sitting.

The arrangement you propose as to food, clothing, and working pay, appears to him satisfactory.

I am directed to remind you that so far as the Secretary of State for War is yet informed, there is no intention that any part of the Imperial Force shall remain at Fort Garry during the winter; and he is not prepared to authorize you to hold out any such expectation to the Government of the Dominion. At the same time it is not possible to foresee what circumstances may arise to render a return impossible, and it is above all things necessary to make such arrangements that no risk shall be incurred of any part of the Expeditionary Force being exposed to suffering from hunger, or severity of climate. Provisions, in ordinary times, are cheap at Fort Garry, being easily purchased in the State of Minnesota; but I am directed to remind you that it will not do to rely on this source of supply for the present Expedition, and that the stores hitherto kept at Fort Garry by the Hudson's Bay Company are in all probability long since exhausted.

I am, &c.

E. LUGARD.

No. 10.

*The Colonial Office to the War Office.*

Sir,

*Downing Street, 5th May, 1870.*

I AM directed by Earl Granville to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 4th instant, and to acquaint you that his lordship concurs in the instructions, relative to the Expedition to the Red River Settlement, which Mr. Cardwell proposes to send to Lieutenant-General Lindsay by to-night's mail.

Lord Granville desires me however to suggest, for Mr. Cardwell's consideration, whether as the last paragraph of the despatch is calculated to suggest the idea of keeping the troops at Red River during the winter, and should not therefore be placed in the hands of the Canadian Ministers, it would not be better to convey that paragraph in a separate despatch.

I am, &c.

FREDERIC ROGERS.

MEMORANDUM.

I sent a copy of this paragraph to Lieutenant-General Lindsay, in a private note.

E. LUGARD.

5/5/70.