

The Bill for reuniting the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, although introduced into the House, will not be pressed during the present session to a second reading. Her Majesty's Government have decided on adopting this course, in deference to what appears to be the general sentiment of the people of Upper Canada, and in compliance with Sir George Arthur's recommendation that no unnecessary discussion should at the present moment be taken on the question of union; this Bill, therefore, will stand over until the next session of Parliament, and in the mean time Her Majesty's Government will have an opportunity of ascertaining the views of the people of Canada on the proposed measure. I shall communicate further with you on this subject, when the Bill for amending the 1 Vic. cap. 9, shall have been advanced through its remaining stages.

I have, &c.

Sir John Colborne, G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

NORMANBY.

No. 9.
Marquis of Normanby
to Sir John Colborne.
July 5th, 1839.

(No. 69.)

No. 10.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Marquis of NORMANBY to Lieutenant-General
SIR JOHN COLBORNE, G.C.B.

SIR, Downing-street, 31st August, 1839.

WITH reference to your despatches of the 6th and 20th May, Nos. 67 and 75, I have the honour to inform you that representations have been addressed to Her Majesty's Government, to the effect that M. Viger and others, at present in custody in Lower Canada, are treated with unnecessary severity, and subjected to unusual and needless restraint. I am well assured that these representations are unfounded, and that no proceedings have been adopted by your authority against these individuals beyond what are indispensable for the public safety; but I would request you to furnish me with a report on the subject, in order that, in the event of its being again brought forward, I may have it in my power to afford the most ample explanation respecting it.

I have, &c.

Sir John Colborne, G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

NORMANBY.

No. 10.
Marquis of Normanby
to Sir John Colborne.
August 31, 1839.

No. 11.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to Lieutenant-General
SIR JOHN COLBORNE, G.C.B.

SIR, Downing-street, 30th Nov. 1839.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your letter of the 20th instant, containing copies of various Addresses which had been presented to you at Montreal, and Quebec, previously to your departure for this country.

It has afforded Her Majesty's Government the greatest satisfaction to receive so conclusive a proof as is afforded by these Addresses, that the high estimate which the Queen had been graciously pleased to form, and to express of the eminent services rendered by you to Her Majesty, and to the country at large in Lower Canada, is so fully confirmed by the spontaneous suffrages of so many of those whose local observations and knowledge best qualified them to appreciate at once the difficulty and the value of those services: and I am happy in the opportunity of depositing amongst the records of this department a series of testimonials so honourable to your personal and public character.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN RUSSELL.

Sir John Colborne, G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 11.
Lord John Russell to
Sir John Colborne.
30th Nov. 1839.

(No. 1.)

No. 12.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord JOHN RUSSELL to the Right Hon. C.
POULETT THOMSON.

SIR, Downing-street, 7th September, 1839.

THE Queen having been pleased to confide to you the government of the

No. 12.
Lord John Russell
to the Right Hon. C.
Poulett Thomson.
September 7, 1839.