

10 PAPERS *relative to the* REMOVAL of the SEAT of GOVERNMENT,

CANADA.

To his Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the undersigned officers of militia and lieutenant-colonels commanding battalions of the regiments of Quebec, desire to convey to your Excellency our deep concern and regret on reading a document lately issued by a number of persons in Montreal addressed to the people of Canada, having for its object the severance of this province from the British Empire.

And as it is our duty, so shall we oppose by every means in our power, any agitation having a tendency to subvert the constitution.

And we further beg leave respectfully to assure your Excellency of our firm attachment to our most Gracious Sovereign, and that we are, and ever shall be, ready to stand forward in defence of the glorious constitution under which it is our happiness to serve.

[Here follow 11 signatures.]

Quebec, Oct. 20, 1849.

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SIR,

Secretary's Office, Toronto, Nov. 28, 1849.

I HAVE laid before the Governor-General, the loyal protestation of the field officers of militia of Quebec, against the attempts lately made with a view to the dismemberment of the powerful and glorious empire of which this fine province forms an important part; and I am commanded by his Excellency to express to those gentlemen the lively satisfaction with which he has received this new proof of the attachment of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects towards the British Crown, and of a due appreciation, on their part, of the advantages secured to them under their present political state, which requires but the cordial co-operation of her inhabitants to make Canada one of the happiest and most prosperous countries of the world.

I have, &c.

Lieut.-Colonel Irvine,
&c. &c.

J. LESLIE, Secretary.

[Mem. Answers similar to the above were given in French, (*mutatis mutandis*) to the three preceding addresses.]

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Toronto, December 3, 1849.

(Received Dec. 31, 1849.)

(Answered January 9, 1850, No. 448, page 23.)

MY LORD,

Encl. 1, page 11.

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith the printed copy of an address to the people of Canada, which appeared some weeks ago in Montreal, and has been extensively circulated, recommending separation from Great Britain, and annexation to the United States, as the remedy for certain ills under which the province is alleged to suffer. Among the signatures to this document are those of two Queen's Counsel, and of some gentlemen holding commissions as justices of the peace and officers of militia. I have considered it to be my duty to cause a circular letter to be addressed to these gentlemen with the view of ascertaining whether their names have been attached to it with their consent. Some have answered this inquiry in the negative, some in the affirmative, while others have denied the right of the Government to put the question, and declined to reply to it. I have resolved, with the advice of the Executive Council, to remove from such offices as are held during the pleasure of the Crown, the gentlemen who have admitted the genuineness of their signatures and those who have refused to disavow them. The Minute of Council which I enclose herewith, gives the ground of this decision.

Encl. 2, page 13.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.