

UPPER CANADA.

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OF

LETTERS from Lord HOWICK to Mr. W. L. MACKENZIE, dated respectively the 23d June, the 29th June and the 8th of September 1832.

Sir,

Downing Street, 23d June 1832.

I AM directed by Viscount Goderich to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th Instant, and to inform you that his Lordship will be ready to receive yourself and the other Gentlemen for whom you request an Audience, on Wednesday the 27th, at Half past Twelve. His Lordship directs me at the same Time to inform you that he is not aware to what Letters and Petitions you refer as having been transmitted by you to this Department and not acknowledged. He is unable to find any Communications which have not received all due Attention. I am further to observe, that although Lord Goderich is ready to hear any Observations you may have to offer upon the Affairs of Upper Canada as an Individual interested in the Welfare of that Province, and as a Member of the Assembly, he cannot recognize you as being deputed to act for any other Persons, nor can he enter into any Discussion with you upon the Measures which His Majesty's Government may think it right to pursue. The Views and Intentions of His Majesty's Government with respect to the Affairs of the Province can only be made known to the People of Upper Canada through the Medium of the Governor or of the Legislature; it is to one or other of these Authorities that any Complaints which Individuals may have Occasion to make should properly be addressed, and if the Course pursued by the Executive Government should be such as to give just Ground for Dissatisfaction, the Inhabitants have by their Representatives the Means of bringing their Grievance under the immediate Attention of His Majesty's Government.

I am, &c.

(Signed) HOWICK.

Sir,

Downing Street, 29th June 1832.

I HAVE had the Honour of receiving and laying before Lord Goderich your Letter of the 26th Instant, and I am directed by his Lordship to observe, that you do not appear to have quite correctly understood my Letter of the 23d.

That Letter does not, as you seem to have supposed, "shut the Door of the Colonial Office on all that vast Mass of Facts which you have offered to submit as deputed in behalf of the unrepresented Land Owners and Inhabitants of Upper Canada;" on the contrary, Lord Goderich has expressly stated his perfect Readiness to hear any Facts or Observations, which you may think it necessary to bring under his Consideration; he only declines, as you have no Authority from any recognized Body, to enter into any official Discussions with you upon the public Affairs of the Colony, or to admit that you are the Organ of those whom you term the unrepresented Land Owners and Inhabitants of Upper Canada.

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