

ORANGE LODGES, CANADA.

RETURN to An ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 28 July 1836;—for,

A COPY of any DESPATCHES addressed to the Governors of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* respecting ORANGE LODGES; the Date of Arrival of those Orders there; and the ANSWERS, if any, received from such Governors:— Also, a Copy of the ADDRESS of the House of Assembly of *Upper Canada* to the Governor respecting ORANGE LODGES, and his ANSWER thereto.

Colonial Department, Downing-street, }
9 August 1836.

G. GREY.

CIRCULAR TO THE COLONIES RESPECTING ORANGE LODGES.

COPY of a Circular DESPATCH, addressed by Lord *Glenelg* to the Governors of His Majesty's Colonial Possessions, dated Colonial-office 27th February 1836. (Forwarded to the Governor of Lower Canada and Lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada, by the Halifax Packet of the 3d of March 1836.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, the copy of a Resolution agreed to by The House of Commons on the 23d instant, on the subject of Orange Lodges, and other similar societies; together with a copy of the Answer which His Majesty was graciously pleased to return to the Address presented in pursuance of the above Resolution.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Glenelg*.

Mercurii, 24^o die Februarii, 1836.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to take such measures as to His Majesty may seem advisable, for the effectual discouragement of Orange Lodges, and generally of all political societies, excluding persons of a different religious faith, using secret signs and symbols, and acting by means of associated branches.

Jovis, 25^o die Februarii, 1836.

Answer to Address 23 February reported as follows:

WILLIAM R.

I WILLINGLY assent to the prayer of my faithful Commons, that I will be pleased to take such measures as may seem to me advisable for the effectual discouragement of Orange Lodges, and generally of all political societies, excluding persons of a different religious faith, using secret signs and symbols, and acting by means of associated branches.

It is my firm intention to discourage all such societies in my dominions, and I rely with confidence on the fidelity of my loyal subjects to support me in this determination.

W. R.

Note.—The date of the arrival of the above circular in the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada is not known, but the receipt of it was acknowledged by the Earl of Gosford upon the 17th of May, and by Sir F. Head on the 27th May 1836. No reply has been received from either province.