

COPIES or EXTRACTS of all such REPORTS from the Governors or Lieutenant Governors of *British Possessions in North America*, and of the Answers thereto, as may throw light on the present state of the Aboriginal Tribes resident in His Majesty's Dominions in *North America*, or in any adjacent Territories; and also upon the present state of the Indian Department in *Upper and Lower Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, New South Wales, Van Diemen's Land*, and the *British Guiana Indians*.

LOWER CANADA.

— No. 1. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord *Goderich* to Earl *Dalhousie*.

MY LORD,

Downing-street, 14th July 1827.

I DEEM it very desirable that measures should be taken for ascertaining the precise expense of the Indian department, both in the salaries of officers, and in the amount of stores distributed to the Indians, with the view of effecting the reduction, and ultimately abolition of the establishment. With this view I have to direct that the heads of the department may receive instructions from your Lordship to confer with leaders or chiefs of the Indians, who are entitled to annual presents, either as subsidies to their tribes, being independant, or as rewards for past services as subjects, or as retaining fees in the nature of half-pay to those who have been employed in arms, or lastly, in the payment of lands ceded to His Majesty's Government, and to negotiate with them for the commutation of such payments into money, such commutation to be fixed in British currency, and to be payable in the description of coin most agreeable to the chiefs, and to be issued regularly either in quarterly, half-yearly or annual instalments, at the nearest military post at which an officer of the commissariat may happen to be stationed.

The officers of the establishment whose services may be discontinued will be superannuated on retired allowances proportioned to their length of service, and you will transmit a scale of retirement for my approbation.

The interpreters, and such officers as may be placed on half-pay, are to be considered as available at any future period when their services may be required.

I do not consider it necessary to fill up any vacant appointment, and officers who may hold acting commissions shall be entitled to enjoy the advantages of their former rank.

Your Lordship will understand that I only wish to call upon you in the first instance to supply such detailed information as to the mode of carrying this plan into effect as may enable me to send out to you definite instructions upon this necessary measure of public economy and improvement.

I have, &c.

(signed)

Goderich.

— No. 2. —

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Lord *Dalhousie* to Mr. Secretary *Huskisson*.

SIR,

Quebec, 22d November 1827.

I HAD the honour to receive a Despatch signed by Lord *Goderich*, and dated 14th July, containing instructions to report to him on various points respecting the establishment of the Indian department in this Government.