

C A N A D A.

COPIES or EXTRACTS of CORRESPONDENCE relative to the Reunion of UPPER and LOWER CANADA.

— No. 1. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Marquis of *Normanby* to Lieutenant-General
Sir *John Colborne*, G.C.B.

No. 1.
Marquis of
Normanby to
Sir John Colborne,
12 June 1839.

Sir,

Downing-street, 12 June 1839.

As I am aware of your anxiety to be informed of the measures contemplated by Her Majesty's Government for the settlement of the affairs of Canada, I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the departure of the "Liverpool" steam-vessel, to communicate with you on the subject.

It had been the intention of Her Majesty's Government to introduce into Parliament the Bill, of which I enclose you a copy, and which, if agreed to, would have reunited the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and would have made effectual provision for their future government. Late events, however, and especially the recent proceedings in the Legislature of Upper Canada, of which intelligence was received on the 3d instant, have induced Her Majesty's Ministers so far to modify this Bill, as to defer for the present those provisions which relate to the reunion of the provinces, and their future government. Accordingly, the Bill will be divided into two parts; the first extending the authority of the Special Council of Lower Canada, and prolong its existence to the year 1842; the second providing for the future reunion of the Canadian provinces on the principles of a free and representative government. The first Bill only will be immediately pressed on the attention of Parliament, and will, I trust, meet with their concurrence. The second will be brought in, but will not be proceeded with during the present Session, nor until the Legislative Council and Assembly of Upper Canada and the Special Council of Lower Canada shall have had an opportunity of communicating to Her Majesty's Government their views respecting it.

I shall take an early opportunity of communicating with you further on this subject, and of apprizing you of the proceedings in the Imperial Parliament. My present communication is necessarily restricted to a mere indication of the intentions of Her Majesty's Government; but I could not allow this opportunity to pass without apprizing you of them.

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

— No. 2. —

(No. 55.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Marquis of *Normanby* to Lieutenant-General
Sir *John Colborne*, G.C.B.

No. 2.
Marquis of
Normanby to
Sir John Colborne,
5 July 1839.

Sir,

Downing-street, 5 July 1839.

WITH reference to my despatch of the 12th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, copies of two Bills introduced into Parliament on the subject of Canada. The Bill to amend the Act 1 Vict. c. 9,
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