

Encl. in No. 14.

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(Duplicate.)

Cambridge Villa, Norfolk-road,  
18 March 1853.

Sir,

I HAVE to call attention to mine of 7th instant, and also to petitions Nos. 1 and 2 to his Grace of Newcastle, with reference to various documents emanating from the Canadian Government (Indian Department), and also very important ones in reference to the settlers on Crown lands, from the municipalities of the district, counties, and townships in which these lands are situate.

Finding from a letter of Mr. Roberts, private secretary to his Grace of Newcastle, dated the 16th, that an audience is at length granted in reference to these important matters, for 3 P.M. on Monday next, I beg also to direct attention to a communication on our behalf made to the Colonial Office, in May last, by Douglas Fraser, Esq., to which Sir John Pakington made reply at the time, that "before taking the matter into consideration, he had commanded that the same be transmitted to Lord Elgin for his report."

I have to observe, that no communication upon that report, or upon any decision Sir John Pakington may have come to, has been made to Mr. Fraser or to myself, now deputed to England on behalf of the settlers. May I therefore request that such decision or reply, if any, may be made known to me preparatory to that audience.

I would further beg to direct attention to the extract from a letter I have just received from Canada on the subject of the Indians, who are treated as minors in law, being employed as officers of the law in still harassing the settlers, and this in the face of proclamation of 9th November 1848, wherein they are designated as "faithful friends and allies of us and our Royal progenitors."

I am, &c.  
(signed) *F. J. Cheshire.*

"P. S.—The extract was handed to his Grace by Lord Dudley C. Stuart," and it is subsequently embodied in mine of 28th ultimo.

— No. 15. —

COPY of a LETTER from *F. Peel, Esq., M.P.* to *F. J. Cheshire, Esq.*

Sir,

Downing-street, 26 April 1853.

I AM directed by the Duke of Newcastle, to acknowledge your letter of the 18th instant, accompanied by the copy of a previous one from you, dated the 18th ultimo, and I am to acquaint you that his Grace finds nothing in this communication to alter his previous views. I am to refer you to the decision already more than once intimated to you, that your case is one with which Her Majesty's Government must decline to deal.

With regard to the inconvenience to which you allude of your detention in England, I am directed to remark to you that you came here, and that you remain, entirely on your own risk and responsibility, and without any previous communication with the authorities in Canada to whom you ought to have addressed yourself, and that the Government can in no way be answerable for the consequences of that step.

But having already conveyed to you repeatedly the conclusions adopted on your application, I am to state, that the Duke of Newcastle considers that no good would result from prolonging the discussion with you, and that he must decline any further correspondence on the subject.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *F. Peel.*

— No. 16. —

COPY of a LETTER from *F. J. Cheshire, Esq.,* to *F. Peel, Esq., M.P.*

Sir,

Manchester, 28 April 1853.

I HAVE to acknowledge yours of the 26th instant, to my address here, in reference to my letters of the 18th ultimo and instant, you say, "His Grace finds nothing in these communications to alter his previous views; and I am to refer you to the decisions already more than once intimated to you, that your case is one with which Her Majesty's Government must decline to deal."

I do

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