

LOWER CANADA.

R E T U R N

To an Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the 30th July 1838,

FOR

COPIES of all APPOINTMENTS made by the Earl of DURHAM to the SPECIAL COUNCIL of Lower Canada; and Copies of all ORDINANCES passed in such SPECIAL COUNCIL, together with the Dates of the same respectively; of any Proclamation issued by the Earl of Durham on the 28th of June last; and of all Minutes of the Proceedings of the Special Council of Lower Canada on the 28th of June last.

Colonial Department, Downing Street, }
2d August 1838.

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from the Earl of DURHAM to Lord GLENELG, dated Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 29th June 1838.

THE first Step which I took on my Arrival was to examine most carefully the List of Prisoners and the Depositions affecting each: in so doing I discovered that against only Eight or Nine there existed any Evidence which would warrant the Application of great Severity, the chief Leaders and Instigators of the Revolt having fled from the Province and being in Safety in the United States. I next applied myself, by Answers to Addresses and private Applications, to the Discouragement of any Notion of the Possibility of a general Amnesty, and announced that my Determination was to punish the guilty and to extend Mercy to the misguided; for which Purpose I issued a special Commission for the Trial of the Prisoners, and sent the Attorney General with it to Montreal. These Measures produced the salutary Consequences which I expected, and, joined to other Means through which they became convinced that I would not suffer the guilty to escape, induced the Ringleaders to plead guilty, and throw themselves on the Mercy of the Crown.

Yesterday I summoned a Special Council, a List of the Members of which I inclose your Lordship, and passed an Ordinance by which the Prisoners who pleaded guilty are transported from the Continent of America during Her Majesty's Pleasure. M. Papineau and his Associates, who fled from Justice, are prevented from re-entering the Province, and the Remainder are enlarged on giving Security for their good Conduct. I also issued a Proclamation in