

other purposes therein mentioned," especially as the report and address to Her Majesty referred to in those Resolutions expressed the entire confidence of the Legislative Council that Her Majesty's Government would not carry into effect any measure deeply affecting the interest of this province, without affording to its inhabitants an opportunity of being heard on the subject.

Resolved,—That when Her Majesty's Ministers have made the Legislature of this province acquainted with the plan which it is proposed to submit to the Imperial Parliament for the restoration of peace and tranquillity to the people of Upper and Lower Canada, this House will take the same into consideration, and communicate its opinion thereon to Her Majesty, either by uniting with the House of Assembly in the appointment of a Commissioner or Commissioners for that purpose, or by address, as may seem most expedient, according to the circumstances of the case.

(No. 91.)

— No. 5.—

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Major-general Sir *George Arthur*, K.C.H., to the Marquis of *Normanby*, dated Upper Canada, Toronto, 17 April 1839.

No. 5.

Sir G. Arthur to
the Marquis of
Normanby,
17 April 1839.

I HAVE had the honour to receive Lord Glenelg's despatch marked "Circular" of 7th February last, wherewith his Lordship has transmitted for my information a copy of the Earl of Durham's Report to Her Majesty on the affairs of British North America, and also of part of the Appendix.

The Report, having already reached this province through the medium of the public journals, has been copied into many of the provincial papers, and read with the greatest avidity by all classes.

Her Majesty's Government will naturally be desirous to learn how it has been received by those most interested in its details and suggestions; and I have therefore delayed noticing it until the latest moment which would allow of my communication reaching New York to catch the "Great Western."

The members of both Houses, I find, generally consider parts of the report which refer to Upper Canada to be in many particulars incorrect; and a Committee of the House of Assembly has been consequently appointed to draw up a report upon the subject.

They regard the Earl of Durham's scheme for the future government of Canada as essentially the same as that which was advocated by Mr. Bidwell, Doctor Rolph and Mackenzie, and to which the great majority of the people of this province expressed their unequivocal dissent; that, in fact, it was on this point that the elections to the present House of Assembly turned.

The sensation produced by the Report has been almost instantaneous, and strongly expressive of the opposite feelings of the contending parties. On the one hand, Sir Francis Head was burnt in effigy; and, on the other, a Reform candidate having canvassed for the vacant seat in the third riding of this county, was most unmercifully beaten by a party of volunteers who had turned out to defend the country in November last.

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In the course of a few days, I shall do myself the honour to address your Lordship more fully on the subject of the Earl of Durham's Report, but I think it right to submit to Her Majesty's Government without delay the few remarks which are contained in my present communication.

I have, &c.

(signed) *George Arthur*.

(No. 102.)

— No. 6.—

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Major-general Sir *George Arthur*, K.C.H., to the Marquis of *Normanby*, dated Upper Canada, Toronto, 11 May 1839.

No 6

Sir G. Arthur to
the Marquis of
Normanby,
11 May 1839.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, an Address from the House of Assembly, with reference to the report of the select committee appointed to report on the state of the province. This report is also transmitted herewith.

I have, &c.

(signed) *George Arthur*.