

No. 7.
Lord Glenelg
to
Sir F. B. Head,
31st May 1836.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord GLENELG to Sir F. B. HEAD, K. C. H.

Sir,

Downing Street, 31st May 1836.

YOUR Despatch of the 6th April, announcing that you proposed on the 20th of that Month to prorogue the Legislature of Upper Canada, reached me on the 14th instant. No further Intelligence has as yet been received at this Department from the Province.

You will readily understand with how deep an Interest, I have perused your Recapitulation of the Events which have marked the last Session of the Legislature of Upper Canada, and how anxiously I have expected the Arrival of those Communications which would complete the Record of its Proceedings up to the Date of its Prorogation. In the Absence of Intelligence on these important Points, I feel that it is not possible for me to convey to you any definite Instructions for your Guidance, or even to express any decided Opinion on the Course which you have hitherto pursued; but nevertheless I cannot allow the present Opportunity to pass without an Acknowledgment of your recent Despatches, and without assuring you that my Colleagues and myself are fully alive to the Delicacy and Difficulties of your Situation, and are most anxious to relieve you in some degree from that undivided Weight of Responsibility which the present Posture of Affairs has unavoidably devolved on you. The Trust which we repose in your Discretion and Judgment, diminishes the Anxiety which we should otherwise feel on this Point. In whatever Circumstances you may be placed, I am confident that your Measures will continue to be distinguished by a firm, yet temperate and conciliatory Exercise of the constitutional Powers entrusted to you, and that you will by your Conduct ensure to yourself the Approbation of the well-disposed Classes in the Province, and vindicate His Majesty's Selection of you for the important Post which you now occupy.

Whenever your further Despatches shall be received His Majesty's Government will lose no Time in devoting their Attention to the whole Subject of the present State of Affairs in Upper Canada, and in conveying to you the necessary Instructions for your Guidance.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GLENELG.

No. 8.
Lord Glenelg
to
Sir F. B. Head,
3th June 1836.

No. 8.

(No. 63.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord GLENELG to Sir F. B. HEAD, K. C. H.

Sir,

Downing Street, 13th June 1836.

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that the Petition to the House of Commons from the Assembly of Upper Canada, a Copy of which you transmitted to me in your Despatch of the 21st April, No. 26, was presented to the House by Mr. Hume on Friday last, the 10th instant.

In presenting the Petition, Mr. Hume abstained from stating its Contents or making any Observations on its Prayer, but he announced his Intention of moving that it should be printed, with a view to its being considered on a future Day.

On the usual Motion that the Petition should lie on the Table, Sir George Grey stated, that, owing to the Course adopted by Mr. Hume, he should also abstain at that Time from any general Observations on the Petition, but that, having seen a Copy of the Petition, he was aware that it contained a Charge affecting your personal Character, a Charge which you had fully and openly met in a Despatch addressed to me, and that he should therefore feel it to be his Duty, should the House order the Petition to be printed, to move for the Production of so much of your Despatch as related to that Charge, in order that your Statement might be before the House at the same Time with the Petition.

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