

No. 13.
Lord Glenelg to
Earl of Gosford,
14 July 1837.

I have, therefore, to convey to your Lordship Her Majesty's commands, that you do give effect to such parts of the suggestions of the Commissioners of Inquiry already quoted, as in the exercise of Her Majesty's delegated prerogative it may be competent for you to carry into execution, and that you avail yourself of the earliest opportunity of bringing under the consideration of the council, after the new appointments shall have been made, the question, by what authority and by what instruments can effect be most conveniently given to such of those suggestions as it is beyond the competency of your Lordship, as Governor of the Province, to carry into execution.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Glenelg.*

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord *Glenelg* to the Earl of *Gosford*, dated
Downing-street, 14 July 1837.

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My Lord,

In my Despatch of the 27th May, No. 210, I conveyed to your Lordship his late Majesty's instructions to convene the legislature of Lower Canada for the earliest day at which it could conveniently be called together, and on their meeting, your Lordship was instructed to communicate to the House of Assembly the proceedings which had taken place in Parliament, to assure them of the deep reluctance with which the Government had yielded to the necessity of invoking the interference of the Imperial Legislature, to inform them that the chief object of their being thus convened was to afford them an opportunity of rendering inoperative so much of the proposed Act of Parliament as would rest on the eighth resolution, by voting the funds necessary for the payment of the arrears due to the civil servants of the Crown, and to express the hope that you would thus be enabled to avoid the exercise of the extreme power with which it was the avowed purpose of Parliament to invest you.

In my Despatch of the 29th June, No. 225, I apprized your Lordship that in consequence of the demise of the Crown, and of the approaching dissolution of Parliament, it had been resolved to propose to The House of Commons a vote of credit for the advance, by way of loan, out of the funds of this country, of a sum of money adequate to the payment of the arrears due to Her Majesty's civil servants in Lower Canada.

I have now to announce to your Lordship, that on the 3d instant The House of Commons resolved, that a sum of 142,160 *l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* should be placed at Her Majesty's disposal for this purpose; and that vote having been incorporated into the Appropriation Act, has acquired the force of law.

My instructions of the 22d May have, therefore, to a considerable extent ceased to be applicable to this new and altered state of the question. As it is not now proposed immediately, and in the first instance, to draw the funds from the Provincial Treasury, the motives which dictated even an extreme forbearance in the use of the resources placed by Parliament at your Lordship's disposal have lost some of their original force. Further, as the money necessary for the payment of the debt is now available for that purpose, the motives for proceeding at once to satisfy the demands of the public creditors have acquired some additional strength. It might, therefore, seem that nothing further remained for me than to instruct your Lordship forthwith to draw upon the Lords of the Treasury for the amount of the Parliamentary vote.

At this distance from the scene of action, and under circumstances so new and peculiar, I am, however, unwilling to lay upon your Lordship any inflexible injunction, which in some possible contingencies you might find it imprudent to follow, and hazardous to disregard.

The present is an occasion on which I cannot withhold from Her Majesty's local representative some latitude of discussion, or relieve your Lordship from the responsibility attendant on the exercise of a discretionary power.

It is possible that when this Despatch shall reach Lower Canada, the provincial legislature may, in consequence of my Despatch of the 22d May, have been summoned, and be on the eve of their meeting, or that they may be actually in session. Without too far indulging hopes, resting, as I must confess, on no
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