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No. 7.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Marquis of NORMANBY to Lieutenant-General
Sir JOHN COLBORNE, G.C.B.

SIR,

Downing-street, 18th June, 1839.

No. 7.
Marquis of Normanby
to Sir John Colborne.
June 18, 1839.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your despatch of the 6th May, No. 67, vindicating yourself and the civil and military officers of your Government from the charges preferred by Messrs. Lafontaine and Mondelet in their petition to the House of Commons.

I am happy to inform you that this despatch, and the documents which it contains, fulfil the confident expectation entertained by me, that you had in your possession the means of completely refuting the injurious accusations brought by the petitioners against the local authorities. I have read that refutation with a deep sense of the difficulties with which you have had to contend, as well as of the energy, prudence, and moderation with which they have been encountered.

Sir John Colborne, G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NORMANBY.

(No. 52.)

No. 8.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Marquis of NORMANBY to Lieutenant-General
Sir JOHN COLBORNE, G.C.B.

SIR,

Downing-street, 2nd July, 1839.

No. 8.
Marquis of Normanby
to Sir John Colborne.
July 2, 1839.

I HAVE received your despatch, No. 55, of the 13th April last, transmitting various ordinances which have been passed by yourself and the special council of Lower Canada.

I have found it necessary to refer several of them to the Lords of the Treasury, the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, the Master-General and Board of Ordnance, the Secretary at War, and the Law officers of the Crown, for reports, which must precede the confirmation of those ordinances by Her Majesty in Council. Until those reports are received, it will not be practicable to take the Queen's decision on the subject. The delay, however, is the less inconvenient, as all the ordinances, with the exception of that which relates to the seignory of Montreal, and of those for naturalising A. Rambau and H. Valotte, will have come into immediate operation.

I postpone expressing an opinion on the provisions of the ordinance relating to the seignory of Montreal, until I shall have had before me the report of the law officers of the Crown; but, if the Bill which has been introduced into Parliament for amending the Act 1 Vict. cap. 9, shall pass into a law, it will be in the power of yourself and the special council to legislate permanently on the subject.

I beg to call your particular attention to the importance of inserting, for the future, in the printed copies of the ordinances of your Government, marginal abbreviations in the usual form. The absence of them considerably enhances the difficulty of perusing enactments of that description, and of referring to any particular passages.

Sir John Colborne, G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NORMANBY.

(No. 55.)

No. 9.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Marquis of NORMANBY to Lieutenant-General
Sir JOHN COLBORNE, G.C.B.

SIR,

Downing Street, 5th July, 1839.

No. 9.
Marquis of Normanby
to Sir John Colborne.
July 5th, 1839.

WITH reference to my despatch of the 12th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information copies of two Bills introduced into Parliament on the subject of Canada. The Bill to amend the Act 1 Vic. cap. 9, was last night read a second time in the House of Commons, and will go into Committee on Thursday next.