

C A N A D A.

RETURN to an ORDER of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 3 March 1841 ;—for,

AN ACCOUNT, showing the Manner in which the Sum of £.10,000 granted in the Army Estimates of last Year for the Formation of a VETERAN BATTALION in *Canada*, has been Expended ; stating the Conditions proposed to Soldiers of Her Majesty's Army volunteering to serve in such Battalion, the Number who have volunteered, and the Number whose Services have been accepted.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 30 March 1841.

NO part of the sum of 10,000*l.* granted in the Army Estimates of 1840-41, for the formation of a Veteran Battalion in *Canada* has as yet been expended. The conditions proposed to soldiers volunteering to serve in the Canadian regiment are stated in the accompanying copies of correspondence marked 1 to 5. The number of men who have volunteered, and the number whose services have been accepted, cannot be stated until a report shall have been received from the officer commanding the Forces in *Canada*, on the result of the modified plan and conditions proposed for the volunteering to the Canadian regiment.
(signed) *T. B. Macaulay.*

War-office, 29 March 1841.

MEMORANDUM.

HER Majesty's Government have determined that a body of troops shall be formed in *Canada*, to consist of men who have already acquired a title to additional pay or good-conduct money, by their present services in the army, and the following advantages are contemplated from the adoption of this measure.

- 1st. The security against desertion from the frontier posts, derived from the unwillingness to incur the forfeiture of the advantages above specified.
- 2d. The diminution in the number of regiments stationed abroad, in so far as the proposed battalion would be available.
- 3d. A prospect of reward to soldiers of the line, who by good service may merit such an advantage.

In order to combine these desirable results, care must be taken that this battalion shall be composed of men who have no temptation to desert ; that the battalion acting in all respects as soldiers shall be subject to the regulations and discipline of the service, in like manner as are at present all other battalions of the army ; that the duty should not be unnecessarily pressing ; and that the ultimate prospect of the soldier should be such as to induce him to enter the service.

With these objects in view, the battalion will be composed as follows, viz. :—

- 1st. The regiment shall be styled The Royal Canadian Regiment.
- 2d. The services of this regiment shall not be extended beyond the Continent of North America and the adjacent British possessions and islands.
- 3d. The officers of the Royal Canadian Regiment shall receive the same rates of pay as officers of corresponding rank in the infantry of the line.
- 4. The non-commissioned officers and private soldiers shall receive the same pay as is now granted to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of Her Majesty's Foot Guards.
- 5th. No soldier shall be permitted to volunteer from the regiments of the line into the Royal Canadian Regiment who shall not have served 15 years in the army.
- 6th. The soldiers to be allowed every opportunity for profitably employing their leisure time in agricultural labour or in handicraft, when not engaged in the performance