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To an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, dated 23rd June, 1864, for information respecting Barrack Accommodation for Her Majesty's Forces.

By Command,

JOHN SIMPSON,
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
27th June, 1864

[Canada—No. 12.]

[Copy.]

DOWNING STREET,
7th December, 1861.

MY LORD,—At a moment when a rupture with the United States appears to be imminent, and when in consequence large reinforcements of British troops must be sent to Canada, it becomes of the greatest importance that provision should be made for the proper and healthy accommodation of each regiment as it arrives.

The cession of the Ordnance Lands and Barracks to the Provincial Government in 1854, has diminished the power of the military authorities in England to provide accommodation for more than the number of men who are now in Canada.

I cannot doubt, however, that the Provincial Government will supply this want by providing hutting for such regiments as cannot be put up in barracks, or buildings in the nature of barracks, now belonging to the Province.

I would suggest that enquiry should at once be made whether large buildings could not be obtained at Hamilton, Guelph, and St. Catherines, either free of expense or at a nominal rent. Troops would probably be quartered in all these places.

As regards the positions for erecting huts, your Lordship will, of course, consult the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, but independently of the neighbourhood of some important towns, the vicinities of Lake Simcoe and of the Rideau Canal, would appear to offer desirable sites.

With respect also to the former Military Reserves of land which have been transferred to the Province, I feel no doubt, that the Provincial Government will readily place at the disposal of the Commander of the Queen's Forces, any lands necessary under present circumstances, for the welfare of the troops and for the defence of the colony.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,)

NEWCASTLE.

Governor Viscount Monck,
&c., &c., &c.

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[No. 37.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Quebec, December 28th, 1861.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's despatch No. 12, of the 7th instant, relative to the proper accommodation of Her Majesty's Troops now arriving in this Province, and to refer you to the enclosed copy of a Report from the Honorable John A. Macdonald, expressing the readiness of the Provincial Government to comply with the suggestions made by Your Grace on this subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

MONCK.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K. G.,
&c.,

&c.,

&c.

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On Militia Service.

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
FOR UPPER CANADA,
Quebec, 28th Dec., 1861.

With reference to the despatch of His Grace the Secretary for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 7th instant, and referred to Council to-day, The undersigned has the honor to report that all the Barracks in Canada transferred to this Province by the Imperial Government in 1854, have already been placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant General Commanding Her Majesty's Forces for the accommodation of the British troops.

The undersigned recommends that all the lands transferred with the Barracks to the Province, not actually in use or sold, should be placed unreservedly at the disposal of the Military Authorities during the present exigency, as requested by His Excellency.

The undersigned further suggests, that His Excellency be requested to convey to His Grace the assurance that the Canadian Government will do everything in their power for the comfort and accommodation of Her Majesty's Forces in this country, and that they do not entertain the slightest doubt that the Canadian Legislature and people will fully sustain them in so doing.

(Signed),

JOHN A. MACDONALD.

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