

Charles, where I arrived at noon, with five companies and two guns, having left at St. Denis three companies and one gun, under Major Reid, 32d regiment. Having received information that some of the rebel chiefs were at St. Hyacinthe, I immediately proceeded, according to your Excellency's orders, to that place, which I entered in the evening; and surrounding the house where Papineau usually resided, at that place, it was strictly searched, but without finding him.

I was accompanied by Mon. Crenier, the Parish Priest, who gave me every information in his power; and, I am happy to say, that it is his opinion that the habitants now begin to see their folly, and that they have been grossly misled. They have returned to their homes in the whole of the counties between the Richelieu and the Yamaska, and gave every assistance required for transport.

I halted the troops on the 4th at St. Hyacinthe. The Curé called an assemblé of the principal inhabitants and the habitants; he addressed them with great eloquence, showing the selfish designs of their leaders, the folly of being led by them from their allegiance, exhorted them to continue in their homes and assist in arresting the rebel chiefs, and which they promised to do.

I returned to St. Charles in the evening, directing the force at St. Hyacinthe to return next day; two companies of the 83d to occupy St. Charles with one gun; three companies and one gun St. Denis, with a detachment at St. Ours, and, taking the remainder of the force, four companies of the 32d, and a howitzer, I returned to Sorel, and arrived here this forenoon at eleven o'clock.

This operation has produced the best effect possible,—it has opened the eyes of the habitants in these populous districts, where the influence of the rebel leaders was great, and shewn the habitants Her Majesty's troops, where their presence was least expected.

The howitzer, which was left on the road, was recovered. An iron gun taken, and considerable quantities of arms and ammunition found at Saint Denis, were destroyed.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES GORE, Colonel.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Colborne,  
K. C. B. Commanding in the Canadas.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the  
11th day of *December* 1837.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," reciting, amongst other things, that His said late Majesty was pleased, on the fourth day of February, and on the sixth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to issue two several commissions to certain persons therein respectively named, directing them to consider the state of the several dioceses in England and Wales, with reference to the amount of their revenues, and the more equal distribution of episcopal duties, and the prevention of the necessity of attaching, by commendam, to bishoprics, benefices with cure of souls; and to consider also the state of the several cathedral and collegiate churches in England and Wales, with a view to the suggestion of such measures as might render them conducive to the efficiency of the Established Church, and to devise the best mode of providing for the cure of souls, with special reference to the residence of the clergy on their respective benefices; and reciting, that the said Commissioners had, in pursuance of such directions, made four several reports to His said late Majesty, bearing date respectively the seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the fourth day of March, the twentieth day of May, and the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six; and reciting, that the said Commissioners had in their said reports, amongst other things, recommended that commissioners should be appointed by Parliament for the purpose of preparing and laying before His Majesty in Council, such schemes as should appear to them to be best adapted for carrying into effect, amongst other things, the following recommendations; and that His Majesty in Council should be empowered to make Orders ratifying such schemes and having the full force of law; and that if, in determining the mode of regulating the episcopal incomes, either in