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A DISPATCH has been received from Lieutenant-General Sir John Colborne, K. C. B. Commander of the Forces in Canada, dated 22d December 1837, of which, and of its enclosures, the following are extracts and copies:

*Extract of a Dispatch from Lieutenant-General Sir John Colborne, K. C. B. to Major-General Lord FitzRoy Somerset, K. C. B. dated Head-quarters, Montreal, December 22, 1837.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you, with reference to my dispatches of the 13th and 15th instant, for the further information of the General Commanding in Chief, the details of the late movements of the troops acting against the rebels in this district. The habitans in arms between the Yamaska and the Richelieu, having dispersed after the desertion of their leaders Wolfred Nelson, De Reveries, and Brown, I directed Major Reid, of the 32d regiment, to proceed to Saint John's with part of the force which had returned to Saint Charles from Saint Hyacinthe, and unite with the companies, under Lieutenant-Colonel Hughes, assembled at that post, for the purpose of attacking the Acadians, who had a second time taken the field, and had crossed the

Richelieu, and joined the insurgents under Bouchette, at Swanton, in the United States territory. Fortunately, however, the loyal population of the Messisquoi, and the Shefforel volunteers routed the party before it had penetrated a mile into the township of Saint Armand; this vigilance of the Messisquoi militia, enabled me to withdraw several companies from Saint John's, and to make arrangements for entering the county of the Lake of the Two Mountains; the strong hold of the rebels of Grand Brulé, and Riviere du Chene.

I had received information, that the insurgents in that section of the country, had assembled in greater force, and were more fully prepared for resistance, than in any other part of the district of Montreal. They had driven from their homes every loyal subject, and, pillaging an extensive tract, they provided for the reinforcements, which joined them from Vaudreuil, Terrebonne, and the neighbouring counties. Girod, a (foreigner), Chenier, Girouard, and De Mouchelle, the most able and active leaders of the revolt, had been for several weeks engaged in organising the insurgents, and were in possession of all the resources of the county.

St. Eustache being the principal post, I assembled the disposable force under my command at St. Martin's on the 13th instant, and directed Major Townsend to march on the following day from Carleton, with a detachment of the 24th regiment,