

(Circular.)

BLUE BOOK DEPARTMENT,
INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, TORONTO,
20th December, 1849.

Fwd.

With reference to the Extract given below, from a Dispatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to which your attention is very particularly directed, I am commanded by the Governor General, to transmit to you the accompanying Form of Return, and to request you will have the goodness to insert in it the information required by Her Majesty's Government, respecting your Appointments, Enclosures, &c. for the current year, and return it to me with the least possible delay. Your attention is particularly directed to the last paragraph of the annexed Extract, and it is requested that the Return may be forwarded to this office immediately on the expiration of the year; hitherto the compilation of the "Blue Books" has been very materially retarded by the non-receipt of the returns till very late in the year.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servt.

WALTER C. CROFTON,

Captain.

EXTRACT of a Despatch from the Right Honorable LORD JOHN RUSSELL,
Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated Downing Street, 4th March, 1841.

"I propose for the future, to lay before Parliament the Colonial Blue Books, as well as the Governors' Annual Reports on the State of the Colonies, under the heads into which the Blue Books are divided, accompanied by a list of those Colonies from which these Returns and Reports shall not have been made. You will therefore, I am well persuaded, co-operate with me in the object which I have in view, by omitting no effort which may be necessary to prevent the Colony under your Government from appearing in these lists.

"It is my duty to impress upon you, with the utmost earnestness, the necessity of bestowing your most serious attention on the subject, and of doing every thing in your power to secure a prompt and effectual obedience thereto.

"It may happen that the Secretary may, from the default of other Public Officers, be unable to complete the Returns within the prescribed period. In every such event, you will direct him to transmit the Book in its complete state, reporting the omissions of which he has to complain; and until these omissions are supplied, you will suspend the payment of the Salaries of any Officer to whom they may be payable, until the duty shall have been satisfactorily performed."

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FOR THE YEAR

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AND TO THE HONORABLE JAMES B. STODDARD,
SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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