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Statements and Returns, 1861, of military equipment and manpower in British North America; and Memoranda, Correspondence, and Confidential Reports, 1861-1863, concerning the defence of British North America and the threat of war with the United States.

These records complement and supplement the holdings from the British Military and Naval Records (RG 8, I) and the Governors General Records (RG 7), and the papers of Sir Edmund Walker Head (MG 24, A 20). Some of Head's and Lewis's private correspondence have previously been copied from the Harpton Court Papers (Reel M-184).

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(Harpton Court Papers - Documents 2922-2996)

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Reel A-1825

Document	Subject	Date
2922-24	Three returns of arms and stores in Canada consisting of: - Statement of Guns, Shot, Shell, Powder, etc., in Canada, Halifax and New Brunswick; - Abstract of Accommodation in Canada, Nova Scotia, Bermuda and West Indies; - Statement of Forces in Canada, Nova Scotia, Bermuda and West Indies; Total 6 pp.	31 Jun. 1861 no date no date
2925-30	Six returns of arms, stores, etc., consisting of: - Militia Artillery at Montreal, Quebec, Kingston, Toronto, London, Ottawa, and Hamilton; - Small Arms in Store in Canada; - Gun Powder in Store in Canada; - Small Arm Ammunition in Store in Canada; - Camp Equipage in Store in Canada; - Mounted Garrison Ordnance; Total 12 pp.	30 Aug. 1861 30 Aug. 1861 30 Aug. 1861 30 Aug. 1861 30 Aug. 1861
2931	Extract from letter of Colonel J.E. Wilmot, R.A., from Washington describing American artillery. 3 pp.	11 Nov. 1861
2932-36	Letter of Colonel W.H. Askwith, Royal Gunpowder Factory to the Director of Ordnance, War Office, including reports of gunpowder supplies and salt petre stocks. 11 pp.	19-30 Nov. 1861
2937-38	Two letters regarding the defence of Quebec and the loss of BNA. 8 pp.	1-2 Dec. 1861
2939	Note regarding a parliamentary vote for the defence of Canada. 1 p.	Jan. 1862

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2940	Note regarding the defence of Quebec. 2 pp.	1 Feb. 1862
2941	Draft memorandum by Lord de Grey concerning the possibility of an American attack as a result of the Slidell/Mason incident and the problems of reinforcing BNA overland from the coast during winter. The seizure of Portland, Maine and passes in the White Mountains of New Hampshire are considered. 15 pp.	1 Dec. 1861
2942	A note regarding sending an Adjutant General of Militia to Canada. 2 pp.	no date
2943	Memorandum, "On the prospect of War with the U. States", by Colonel P.L. MacDougall, h.p., Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment, setting out the defence situation. 21 pp.	3 Dec. 1861
2944	Letter from the Duke of Somerset to Lewis regarding troop transport. 4 pp.	2 Dec. 1861
2945-46	Two memos by de Grey, "Points to be considered at Cabinet 4 Dec." 8 pp.	3 Dec. 1861
2947	Memorandum from Duke of Cambridge recommending the immediate despatch of artillery and three regiments. 5 pp.	1 Dec. 1861
2948	Note from Lord de Grey regarding the defence of the West Indies. 8 pp.	3 Dec. 1861
2949	Major Charles South, Woolwich, to Lord Russell recommending the capture of Portland, Maine. 3 pp.	3 Dec. 1861
2950	Return of manufacturers of percussion caps in England. 2 pp.	4 Dec. 1861
2951	Memorandum by Lewis regarding frontier defence and movement of troops from Halifax. 3 pp.	4 Dec. 1861
2952-55	Four items regarding the defence of the east coast of Scotland. 14 pp.	4-15 Dec. 1861
2956	Letter from W.V. Smith to Lord Palmerston offering advice on a winter route to Canada. 3 pp.	7 Dec. 1861

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2957	Memorandum, "Troops for Canada", by Lord de Grey recommending sufficient troops to secure garrisons and make a "demonstration". 15 pp.	8 Dec. 1861
2958	Private letter from Lord Seaton regarding troop distribution and campaign strategy. 8 pp.	9 Dec. 1861
2959-60	Notes from Lord de Grey. 3 pp.	11 Dec. 1861
2961-62	Returns of rifles, ammunition, etc. in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Canada. 2 pp.	10 Dec. 1861
2963-67	Offer to contract troop transport overland from Halifax or Saint John to Canada. 14 pp.	3-10 Dec. 1861
2968	Memorandum regarding the completion of the Halifax-Quebec railway. 17 pp.	10 Dec. 1861
2969	Letter of the Duke of Newcastle to Lewis suggesting the appointment of senior lieutenants for the Canadian militia. 4 pp.	11 Dec. 1861
2970	Letter from the Duke of Cambridge to Lewis regarding the transport <i>Melbourne</i> . 9 pp.	3 Dec. 1861
2971	Note regarding the force to be sent to BNA. 2 pp.	11 Dec. 1861
2972-75	Notes regarding the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes. 6 pp.	11-26 Dec. 1861
2976-77	Notes from the Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway regarding troop movements. 8 pp.	12 Dec. 1861
2978	Note from Duke of Cambridge regarding route for troops. 4 pp.	12 Dec. 1861
2979	Letter from Montague Gore to Lewis regarding the importance of telegraph lines and Woodstock, New Brunswick. 4 pp.	13 Dec. 1861
2980	Memorandum and list of the force for the West Indies and Canada. 5 pp.	13-17 Dec. 1861

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2981	Memorandum from Lord Clyde regarding qualifications for staff appointments. 3 pp.	13 Dec. 1861
2982-83	Memorandum of the Duke of Cambridge listing officers appointed to the staff of BNA. 4 pp.	14 Dec. 1861
2984-85	Memorandum, "Thoughts on War with the United States as regards Operations by land forces" by Sir John Burgoyne. 9 pp.	14 Dec. 1861
2986	Memorandum, "Mounted Riflemen for Canada", by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Marshman Havelock. 18 pp.	17 Dec. 1861
2987	Note by the Duke of Cambridge. 4 pp.	19 Dec. 1861
2988	War Office note regarding additional forces for BNA. 3 pp.	26 Dec. 1861
2989	Letter of Colonel E.R. Wetherall, Montreal, to the Duke of Cambridge regarding eased tensions. 8 pp.	10 Jan. 1862
2990	Telegram from Major-General Doyle to the War Office regarding the progress of troops. 4 pp.	4. Feb. 1862
2991-92	List of Commissioners on Defence of Canada. 3 pp.	11 Feb. 1863
2993	Letter of the Duke of Cambridge to Lewis regarding the distribution of troops. 5 pp.	22 Feb. 1862
2994	Memorandum by Lord de Grey on the Fortifications of Quebec. 20 pp.	25 Nov. 1862
2995	Printed Confidential Document, "Memo on the American Question". 4 pp.	no date
2996	Press clipping on American slavery. (Very damaged.) 2 pp.	no date