SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

VICTORIA
GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1864.

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DESPATCH RELATIVE TO TRANSPORTATION.

THE Governor has directed the subjoined Despatch to be published.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. McCULLOCH.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 15th February, 1864.

Victoria.
No. 58.

Downing street,
26th December, 1863.

SIR,—I had the honor to receive, in your Despatch No. 18 of the 24th of October, the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, adopted at a numerously attended public meeting in Melbourne on the 29th of September, praying that Her Majesty will not grant Her Royal sanction to the adoption of that part of the Report of the Commissioners upon secondary punishments which recommends that all Male Convicts who are not disqualified for removal to a Colony should be sent to Western Australia during the latter part of their punishment.

I duly laid this address at the foot of the Throne, and Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously. I propose to convey to you by the next opportunity a statement of the advice tendered to Her Majesty by her confidential servants, on the important subject to which the address relates.

I trust I need not assure you that the representations contained in this address will be considered with the respect due, no less to the moderation and loyalty of its tone than to the number and weight of those by whom, you inform me, that the public meeting from which it emanated was attended. It could not fail to be the desire of Her Majesty's Government, even before the receipt of this or any other memorial, to form such a decision as should allay all just apprehensions and afford no reasonable ground for dissatisfaction.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,
(Signed)   NEWCASTLE.

Governor Sir Charles Darling, K.C.B.,
&c.,   &c.,   &c.