

Sir J. Macdonald to Sir H. Taylor

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Private

9 July

My dear Taylor

6th May

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The Secretary at War
has just sent to Lord Hill
a copy of the Cabinet
Minutes which goes to
London tonight respecting
the Corporal Punishment.

Lord Hill himself does
not seem to care much
about the terms in which
I repeat his
S^r Herbert Taylor

referred in the
responsibility is alluded
to, but Lord Fitzroy
dislikes these terms very
much - He says that
they are, and that they
must remain - Lord
Russell does not mean
to oppose any difficulty
to the arrangement
proposed by the Cabinet
so that I expect nothing
now but plain
sailing - He chief
object

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of this letter is to call your
 attention to the omission
 of deception in the ~~the~~ ^{the} Catalogue
 of crimes to which capital
 punishment is applicable
 - we, surely, ought to have
 that matter clearly understood.
 At present no Commanding
 officer of troops for simple
 deception, unaccompanied
 by aggravating circumstances,
 but when thus accompanied
 deception, surely ought to
 be held out as a crime
 liable to Corporal punishment.
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and other part to which
I must draw your
attention is the omission
of Stealing from Civilian
in the list of Crimes
in the Cabinet Paper
Stealing from a Comrade
is the only theft to which
Coup & punishment is applied
whereas we think that
it ought to be applied to
theft in general, and
The Judge Associate
agreed with me in this
respect, for he included
Stealing

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from civilians, in this
 year, articles of her
 Majesty's, apply
 your mind to these
 two points, and have
 them placed upon an
 intelligible and satisfactory
 footing, and our new
 Reputation will, I am
 persuaded, work
 perfectly well - I
 think you will agree
 with

me that the public would
rather a soldier be
flogged for stealing
from a civilian (an
the man for instance)
than for stealing from
a comrade — I am
afraid you thought
we flogged too
much last year
and brought you
to that conclusion merely
from

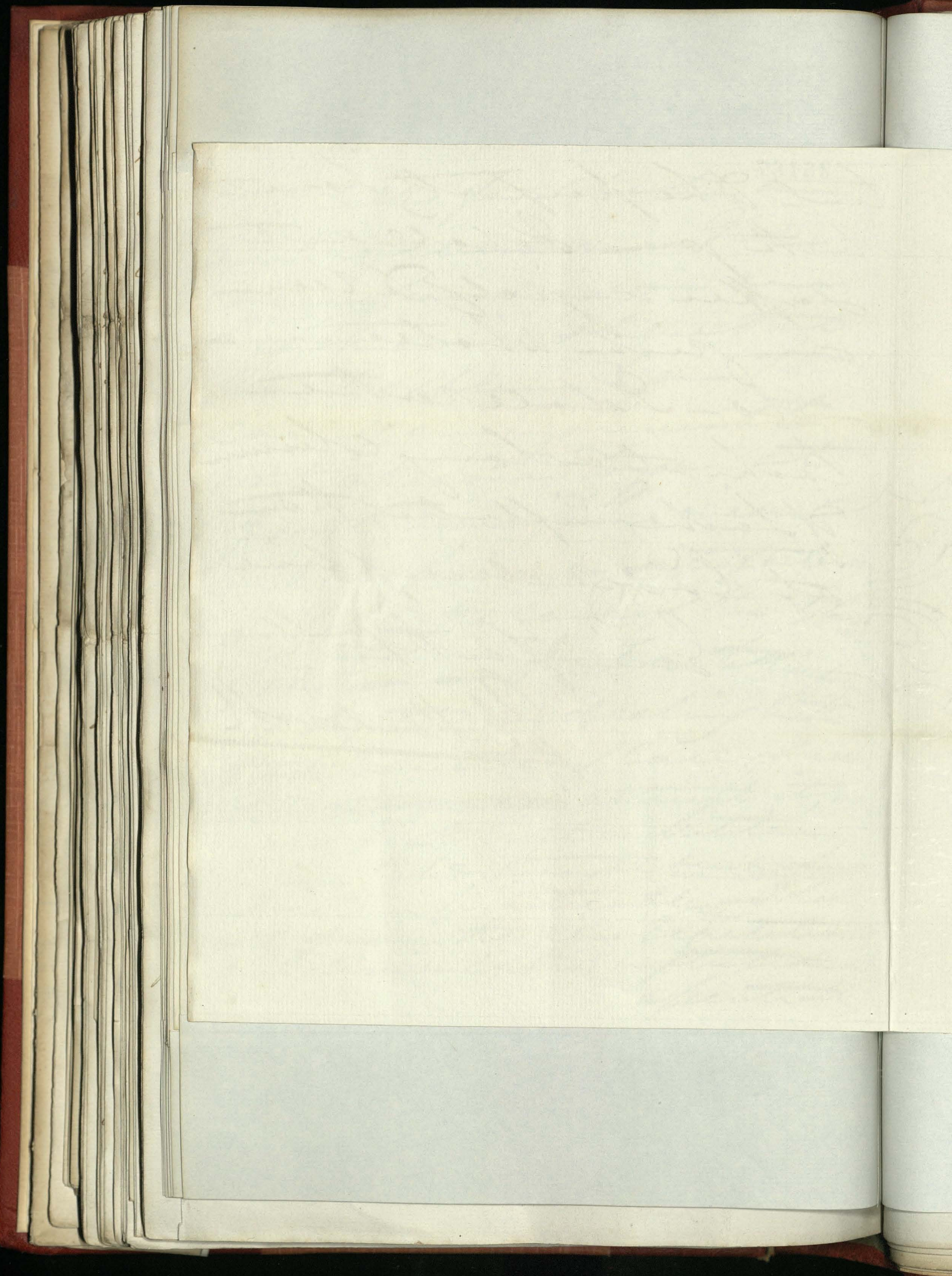
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What you saw in the
 packet of returns which
 I sent to you - In the
 most solemn manner
 assure you, and I entreat
 you to assure the King
 if necessary, that these
 returns are closely examined
 as they arrive here and
 that he intends to strike
 the slightest irregularity
 that catches an eye during
 the examination - I wish
 and I advise to this end
 draw my attention to every
 particular

That calls for checks and
animadversion - The
correspondence in an
Proctor will show that
I could explain to you the
case of every person who
has appeared before me, at
first being, & he was satisfied
or satisfied, as satisfactory
as I did the case of the ~~20th~~
Party - But as to uniformity
of system in dealing with
these varieties of cases, I never
did ~~attempt~~ attempt it, nor
have I yet met a better
man who thought ^{it} ~~was~~ ^{an} ~~advantage~~
system practicable - I shall
do from the new reputation
and diminish this institution
essentially

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tent to be perfectly honest
 with you I shall not
 suffer myself to see
 any thing whatever -
 - No - I shall rather
 look at a long column
 of letters without, than
 at loose discipline -
 Ever faithfully
 Wm Lloyd Garrison



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Mr John Macdonald

May 6 1833

Corporal Munro

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