

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the inhabitants of York and its vicinity, beg leave to congratulate your Excellency upon your safe arrival amongst us, and to assure your Excellency that we shall feel it a matter both of duty and of pleasure, to promote your Excellency's exertions for the peace, happiness, and welfare of the Province.

We cannot conceal from your Excellency without a sacrifice of candour, that there are many very important subjects which have deeply affected the feelings of the people.—But we are solicitous to regard the accession of your Excellency to the Government of this Province, as the commencement of a new era, in which your Excellency, above the prevailing influence of political dissensions and unhappy advice, will prove our Constitutional benefactor, and realize the paternal wishes of our most gracious Sovereign, to bless his people with mild just and conciliatory principles of Government.

We further beg leave respectively to tender to your Excellency our sincere wishes for the health and happiness of Lady Colborne and family.

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