

pleased to receive such Communications as we have had to make, and of the liberal and impartial Interpretation which has always been given by your Excellency to such Parts of the Canada Company's Agreement with Her Majesty's Government as the Attention of your Excellency has from Time to Time been directed to.

Wishing your Excellency many Years of Happiness and Prosperity,

We have, &c.

W. ALLAN.

THOS. MERCER JONES.

Commissioners.

Canada Company's Office, Toronto,  
23d January 1838.

No. 73.  
Sir F. B. Head  
to  
Lord Glenelg,  
20th March 1838.

Enclosures.

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

We, the Magistrates and loyal Inhabitants of the County of Hastings, beg leave to approach your Excellency, and to declare,—

That we have heard with deep Regret that your Excellency is about to leave the Province, and we feel assured that it will by no means be considered valueless that your Excellency should carry with you into your Retirement the Knowledge that we, the loyal Inhabitants of this County, consider that this Province is deeply indebted to your Excellency for the prompt and able Manner with which you came forward, in an Hour of extreme Danger and Difficulty, and rescued the Country and our beloved Institutions from the Horrors of a Civil War and the licentious Control of a Mob.

Called, as your Excellency was, to the Administration of the Government at a Time when Revolution and Rebellion threatened the Destruction of British Supremacy in this Province, surrounded by the manifold Difficulties which false Friends constantly placed before your Excellency as a "Stumbling-block," we can and do duly appreciate the firm and dignified Manner in which you have ever maintained the Integrity of the British Empire, and defended for the People of this Province, and maintained untarnished and unimpaired, their happy and glorious Constitution.

Great as is our Regret, from the simple Fact of your Excellency's having resigned the Reins of Government, our Sorrow is doubly increased from the Circumstances which have led to it, and it proves, if Proof were needed, that throughout the whole of your public Career in this Province your Excellency has had but One Object in view, namely, the Good of the Province, the untarnished Integrity of the Empire.

Deeply is it to be lamented that the Advisers of Her Majesty have chosen rather to listen to the Dictates of popular Clamour than the Advice and Opinion of an independent, responsible, and worthy Representative of their august Mistress; for in pursuing this hasty Course, and not allowing Time to test between their Opinions, formed upon Doubt, and your Excellency's, founded upon Fact and a positive Knowledge of undoubted Proofs, they have deprived their Sovereign of the Services of an able and zealous Officer, and Her Majesty's loyal Subjects in this Province of the most efficient Defender of their Rights that it has pleased Providence should be sent to this Colony to administer the Government.

As the County of Hastings was first in the glorious Contest of the Elective Franchise to sustain the independent Course your Excellency had marked out for yourself in the late political Crisis, when Rebels under the Guise of Reform sought to subvert our happy and glorious Constitution, so do we now declare our Adherence to those great Principles of political Integrity, at the Shrine of which your Excellency has been pleased to sacrifice the Honour of being your Queen's Representative in this Province.

Should it so happen, that in course of Events your Excellency should again return to this Country to resume the Reins of Government, now at a most critical Period transferred to inexperienced Hands, we should greet with Delight and Joy your Return amongst us.