

desperate by many degrees that we have ever seen, is simply sending them to certain destruction. Any cavalry, the best disciplined in the world, is comparatively useless in the streets; they want open fields, plenty of room for their career, to be of any real use, but a half-trained squad of mounted men is the most helpless body that can be conceived; half of them at least would be unhorsed at the first attack of the mob. The reason is obvious; trained horses stand the fire of musketry, because they are used to it; the terror with them, if they have any, is of the noise of the discharge, not of the bullets, which they do not see; it is quite another thing with a shower of stones; the horses *see* the stones, as well as *feel* them, and they are naturally thrown into confusion. Such horses, untrained as they are, cannot be managed with one hand, like the horses of regular cavalry, and the rider also, half trained, has as much as he can do to stick to his seat, without any thought of using his weapons. The Government is just wasting the public money in organizing such a corps.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of  
ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Montreal,

May 12, 1849.

(Received May 28, 1849.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, copies of addresses which have been received since those forwarded to your Lordship in my Despatch No. 42, of the 4th instant.

I have, &c.,

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

(Signed)

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,  
&c. &c. &c.

For Lord Elgin's Despatch, No. 42, of May 4, 1849, *vide* Papers relative to the Affairs of Canada, presented to Parliament by Her Majesty's Command, May 25, 1849, page 14.

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EXTRACT from the "Canada Gazette," dated May 8, 1849.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

ADDRESS

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned, the Archbishop, Bishop, and other members of the Catholic clergy of the city of Quebec, respectfully approach your Excellency to state that we have learned with deep regret the insult which has been offered to your Excellency by a faction in Montreal, and also the acts of Vandalism which have been committed against the place of meeting of the Legislative Assemblies.

We feel assured that our regret is shared by the immense majority of the inhabitants of Canada, who know how to appreciate the wisdom and justice which characterize your Excellency's Government.

We hasten to offer to your Excellency the testimony of our sympathy at the present moment, if it can afford your Excellency any compensation for the pain which those events must have occasioned you.

The firmness and moderation displayed by your Excellency after the deplorable events, which have taken place in the capital of the province led us to hope that it will have the effect of giving greater strength and stability to your Excellency's Government, and of preventing for the future the perpetration of such criminal acts.

We doubt not that your Excellency's just and impartial conduct in the present difficult emergency, will be fully appreciated by our august Sovereign, and receive Her gracious approbation.

We feel that we are warranted in affirming that the sentiments which are herein expressed are shared by all the other members of the clergy of this Diocese, and we doubt not that they, (in conjunction with those whose spiritual welfare is committed to their hauds,) will take an early opportunity of reiterating them to your Excellency.

(Signed)

Quebec, May 2, 1849.

+ Jos. ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC;

+ P. F. BISHOP OF SIDYME, Coadjutor of Quebec;  
And 48 Signatures.