

CANADA.

My confidence in the good sense, moderation, and loyalty of the body of the people is, however in no degree shaken by what has occurred.

It is satisfactory to me to receive the assurance that the course of justice and impartiality which I have followed in the discharge of the functions of my high office meets your approval. That course is prescribed to me by my duty to my Sovereign and to the inhabitants of the province. A free people can hardly fail to discover, in the faithful observance of all constitutional guarantees the best security for the preservation of their rights and liberties.

No efforts will be wanting on my part to secure the preservation of the peace of the city, and I sincerely trust that, by the exertions of the Legislative and Executive authorities, and the co-operation of all the friends of order, this object may be accomplished.

Province of Canada.

DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

At a public meeting of the citizens of Quebec, duly called by public notices, and held on the St. Paul-street Market, at Quebec, on the 29th day of April, 1849, to consider on the means of maintaining the freedom of the deliberations of the Legislature, Edward Glackemeyer, Esq., in the Chair; N. Aubin, Esq., Secretary,—the following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

1. *Resolved*,—That the citizens of Quebec, duly convened by public notices, here present, have learned, not only with indignation, but with the greatest grief, the excesses which have taken place in the new capital of Canada, by which an attempt has been made to deprive the Representatives of the country of that freedom which is indispensable to the working of all constitutional and good government, by attacking the Members of the Legislature, and destroying, together with the edifice where the Legislative Assembly held their sittings, archives of greatest importance and a most valuable library, the loss of which is irreparable.

2. *Resolved*,—That this meeting expresses the warmest sympathy and its deepest gratitude for his Excellency the Earl of Elgin, Governor-General, who, notwithstanding threatening demonstrations, made use, without fear, of the power confided to him by the constitution, by giving force of law to a decision of the two other branches of the Government, an act of firmness and justice which has exposed him to outrages unworthy of a civilized people; and lastly, that the citizens of Quebec think it right on this occasion to offer his Excellency their support for the maintenance of public order, of the rights of the Legislature, and for the protection of his person.

3. *Resolved*,—That a Committee be appointed to prepare and sign, in the name of the citizens of Quebec, an address to his Excellency the Governor-General, founded on the two resolutions, and that the following gentlemen do compose the said Committee:—

E. Glackemeyer, L. Prevost, J. P. Rhéaume, N. Aubin, J. Chouinard, M. Robitaille, J. B. Bureau, J. B. Hardy, E. Chinic, Geo. Audet, T. Fournier, W. Venner, D. Rousseau, H. Gauvreau, Jos. Larose, Frs. Nadeau, J. B. Pruneau, Ab. Hamel, Dr. Blanchet, O. Valières, Luke Brothers, — McKay, H. O'Donnell, P. M. Partridge, John Connors, P. Huot fils, Chs. Chamberland, J. McGuire, P. Allard, P. Fréchette, A. Plamondon, N. Rinfret, Dr. Robitaille, G. H. Simard, P. V. Bouchard, B. McKue, F. Brun.

4. *Resolved*,—That the said address be carried to Montreal, and presented to his Excellency the Governor-General by a deputation composed of the following gentlemen:—

The President and Secretary of the meeting, J. Chouinard, Wm. Venner, Dr. Rousseau, A. Vocelle, J. B. Hardy, J. P. Rhéaume, Jos. Lègaré, G. H. Simard, Jos. Larose, John McGuire, Bernard McKue, Dr. Bardy, Hugh O'Donnell, Frs. Defoy, John McGuire, John Connors, Esquires.

After which a vote of thanks to the President and Secretary was adopted by acclamation, and the meeting dispersed.

Certified, N. AUBIN, Secretary.

Quebec, April 29, 1849.

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, Her Majesty's dutiful and faithful subjects, the citizens of Quebec, beg respectfully to express to your Excellency that we have learned, not only with indignation but with the greatest grief, the excesses which have taken place in the new capital of Canada, by which an attempt has been made to deprive the representatives of the country of that freedom which is indispensable to the working of all constitutional and good Government, by attacking the Members of the Legislature, and destroying, together with the edifice where the Legislative Assemblies held their sittings, archives of the greatest importance, and a most valuable library, the loss of which is irreparable.

That we further express the warmest sympathy and our deepest gratitude for your Excellency for having, notwithstanding threatening demonstrations, made use, without fear, of the power confided to you by the constitution, by giving force of law to a decision of the two other branches of the Government, an act of firmness and justice which exposed your Excellency to