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Addresses from
the Provinces to
Lieut.-Governor.

which is calculated to produce the most injurious effects, and to be subversive of the peace, welfare and good government of the country.

We feel the highest satisfaction at the sentiments expressed by His Majesty's Government on the affairs of this colony, as contained in the royal Instructions to your Excellency, which were laid before the legislature immediately after your arrival in the city of Toronto.

We have the highest confidence in the talents and integrity of your Excellency, and in the sincerity of your repeatedly declared desire to carry into effect the liberal intentions of His Majesty's Government towards the people of this province; and we view with unqualified admiration the candour, the conciliatory manner, and the manly firmness with which your Excellency has met the factious demonstrations which have recently been made to embarrass your Excellency in the administration of your government, and to create an excitement and disturbance in this prosperous and highly favoured country.

Ardently attached to the government and institutions of the great empire of which these colonies have the advantage of being an integral part, we are determined, by all lawful means in our power, to preserve and perpetuate that connexion, and to oppose and counteract every effort which may now be making, or which hereafter may be made, either openly or insidiously, to dissolve or weaken that connexion, and to introduce into the institutions of this province changes which are incompatible with the principles of the British form of Government.

Convinced that the prerogatives of the Crown are only a sacred trust for the protection of the rights and liberties of the people, and that by sustaining the one we are taking the most effectual means of securing the other, we beg to assure your Excellency that we shall make use of all lawful and constitutional exertions to uphold your Excellency in your administration of the government of this province, and to support you in your determination to carry into effect the liberal intentions of His Majesty's Government towards the people of this colony.

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(No. 7.)

To his Excellency Sir *Francis Bond Head*, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, and 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 inhabitants of the town of Niagara, subjects firmly attached to the parent empire, and appreciating the blessings of the British constitution, beg leave respectfully to address your Excellency at the present political crisis.

The limited experience we have had of your past administration in this colony convinces us that Upper Canada has acquired in you an uncompromising representative of His Majesty, and we sincerely trust that no schism in your Councils, nor undue interference from any quarter, will ever divert you from those defined constitutional principles you have already adhered to for the credit of the country, the lasting honour of yourself, and the dignity of His Majesty's Crown.

In the present political strife, we consider ourselves called upon as subjects of His Majesty, and firmly attached to his supremacy, and those principles consolidated in the colonial constitution, to express our undisguised sentiments.

We have recently had called to our attention the appointment of your first Executive Council, and we consider that you correctly exercised the prerogative that is vested in you, and that in accepting their resignation, and calling other individuals to your cabinet, you evinced a discretion and dignity worthy of your exalted situation.

We are well assured that at present there exists no excited state of public feeling in this district, nor, to any alarming extent, elsewhere, occasioned by the proceedings between your Excellency and your Council.

We sincerely regret that the measures of conciliation suggested, and the unwearied parental forbearance exercised on the part of the British Government, through His Majesty's representatives in both provinces, for our mutual prosperity, should have been so unfortunately misplaced, and those remedial measures recommended for our benefit paralyzed in their effect.

We ever desire to see the Constitutional Act of this colony upheld by the King, and shielded by the people, from all vital innovations in its original spirit, and transmitted unimpaired to latest posterity.

In conclusion, we, the inhabitants of this town, the first established in this colony, and sufficiently tried for loyalty and sufferings, beg leave to express our admiration of that decisive course your Excellency has adopted in the recent difficulties you have contended with, in reconciling public opinion, and resisting any improper interference; and we unanimously declare ourselves pledged with our influence and hearts to serve King and country, and persevere in maintaining an administration based so firmly on constitutional principles.

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