

stration of your Excellency's Government has been directed to the improvement of the Province, and to promote the interests, happiness and welfare, of his Majesty's subjects therein.

For all these benefits, we pray your Excellency to accept our most grateful acknowledgment.

We also beg your Excellency to convey to the Countess of DALHOUSIE the high sense we entertain of her Ladyship's distinguished and amiable qualities; she has endeared herself to every member of this community by her uniform courtesy and kindness, and possesses, in an eminent degree, all those virtues which are essential to happiness, both in domestic and social intercourse.

We humbly beg, that your Excellency will be pleased to accept yourself, and also to convey to the Countess of DALHOUSIE, our most fervent wishes for your joint prosperity and happiness, and that you may enjoy a pleasant voyage, and a happy meeting with your friends in Great Britain.

ANSWER :

GENTLEMEN,—I return my sincere thanks and acknowledgment to the Clergy, Magistrates, and Landholders of the district of Three Rivers, for the gratifying manner in which this address from them has been expressed.

Conscious that my intentions and acts have been directed to the public good, it is pleasing to me to receive, on the eve of my departure, such assurances of public approbation and esteem.

Lady DALHOUSIE and myself are truly sensible of the kind wishes which are expressed in this address, and will always retain a very grateful recollection of them.

DALHOUSIE.