

We are well aware that it is not in the Power of many of the Class of Persons to whom we have referred to make their Way to this Country without pecuniary Assistance, and it is to this Fact that we chiefly desire humbly to draw Your Majesty's Attention, and to implore Your Majesty to remove the Difficulty which, from that Cause, prevents Tens of thousands of Your Majesty's faithful Subjects from raising themselves from Poverty and Misery to Independence and Happiness, and who, instead of remaining a Burden on the Nation, would be converted into the Means of contributing to its Wealth and Power.

In Proof of this we humbly crave Permission to draw Your Majesty's Attention to the successful Result of the System of Emigration which received the Sanction of Your Majesty's Royal Predecessors in the Years 1823 and 1825. When the Persons sent out by the Bounty of the Nation, at the Times referred to, reached this Province, they were poor and needy and discontented; they had been taken from a Land where, though willing to labour, they could find no Employment; they had been born, and had advanced to Manhood, hopeless of any Chance of being enabled through Life to accomplish more than their Maintenance by daily Labour; that they should become the Owners of some Hundreds of Acres of Land; that they should find themselves possessed of Houses and Barns, and Horses and Cattle, and well-cultivated Fields, and that they should see their Children settled around them in the same State of Prosperity, in all Probability never entered into their Imagination; yet such is their present Condition, and they now form a happy and grateful Community; and such there is no Reason to doubt will be the State, after a few Years Residence, of all those who may hereafter receive similar Encouragement and temporary Assistance. We readily admit that we can do little more, by way of assisting Your Majesty in attaining the Object we have in view, than to declare our Readiness and Desire to concur in such a Disposal of the Waste Lands of the Province as will contribute to its Accomplishment, and to express our Wish that such Mode of their Application may be suggested as will tend to the Advancement and Encouragement of Emigration generally.

We are aware that the late unhappy Dissensions that have disturbed the Peace of these Provinces have not only greatly retarded its general Prosperity, but in a more especial Manner indisposed many Persons, otherwise desirous of emigrating to them, from taking up their Abode among us; but we venture now to express our strong Conviction (and we feel it would be criminal in us to advance an insincere Opinion upon a Point so important) that while there is not the most distant Ground for apprehending internal Revolt, the Inroads heretofore made from a Foreign Nation have experienced such signal Defeats and severe Punishment, and, through the fostering Care of Your Majesty, and the Bravery and Devotion of Your Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Country is now so guarded, that its future Peace may be considered as effectually and permanently secured. That this Feeling has become universal is demonstrated not only by the Absence of all Attack from a Foreign Enemy for more than a Year past, but by the Return to a vigorous and peaceful Pursuit of their ordinary Employments by the Yeomanry, Mechanics, and other Inhabitants of the Province.

Earnestly beseeching Your Majesty to take the Subject of this Address into Your Majesty's favourable Consideration, we conclude by assuring Your Majesty of our humble but sincere Prayers to the Author of all Good, for Your Majesty's personal Happiness, and that Your Majesty may long live to reign over a united, happy, prosperous, and grateful People.

(Signed) ALLAN A. MAC NAB,  
Speaker.

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