

ever be called upon to serve Her Majesty in any Capacity, serve under those who are as capable of appreciating your Merits and Virtues as we who have the Honour to subscribe ourselves your Admirers and Well-wishers.

No. 73.
Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg,
20th March 1838.

Enclosures.

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight 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 Townships of West Gwillimbury and Tecumseth in the County of Simcoe, and their Vicinity, having heard of your Excellency's Resignation of the Government of this Province, cannot allow your Excellency to leave us without expressing our unfeigned Regret at your Departure.

We who now address you are principally Emigrants from the Mother Country, and were induced to make Upper Canada our future Home from the Hope and Belief that we should there enjoy to the full Extent the Blessing and Protection of the British Constitution, which from our Infancy we had been taught to cherish and believe better calculated than any other Form of Government to ensure our Happiness and Prosperity. The Preservation, therefore, of that glorious Constitution in all its Purity is our most earnest Wish; and we, in common with our Fellow Subjects in this Province, feel truly grateful to your Excellency for the bold and uncompromising Manner in which you have met and put down the various Attacks that have been made upon it, during your short but eventful Administration.

Short as your Excellency's Government of this Colony has been, we feel confident that it will be productive of lasting Benefits, and that Her Majesty, after the most rigid Scrutiny of all your Excellency's Acts while here, will deplore losing the Services of so efficient a Representative in this Portion of Her Dominions.

While we earnestly pray that your Excellency and Family may reach in Safety your native Land, we indulge the Hope that your Excellency will not forget Upper Canada, but by making known to our Gracious Sovereign the Loyalty and Attachment of its Inhabitants to Her Person and Government, use your Influence in having the British Constitution so administered as to perpetuate our happy Connexion with the Land of our Birth.

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May it please your Excellency,

We, the undersigned Officers of the Militia of the Western District of Upper Canada, having been informed of your Excellency's intended Retirement from the high Office of Lieutenant Governor, cannot allow our Representative, Mr. Prince, to proceed to Toronto, without conveying by him our deep Regret that your Excellency should have deemed it expedient to tender your Resignation, and that Her Majesty should have been advised to accept such Resignation.

We beg Permission to express to your Excellency the high Opinion which we have ever entertained and ever shall entertain of your Excellency's Administration of the Government of this Province; and most deeply and unaffectedly do we lament that at this particular Crisis this Country should be so suddenly and unexpectedly bereft of your most important Services as Lieutenant Governor.

We heartily and sincerely hope, that your Excellency may enjoy long Life and Happiness, in whatever Situation Providence may be pleased to place your Excellency; and we beg to assure you that we, in common with all Her Majesty's loyal Subjects in this Province, will ever entertain a grateful Recollection of your Excellency, as the Chief Magistrate and Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.