

The invitation to visit Canada and the United States are necessarily introduced first, and are as follows :—

ADDRESS OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach your Majesty with renewed assurances of devotion and attachment to your Royal person and government.

We have long hoped that your Majesty would be graciously pleased to honour with your presence your Majesty's subjects in British North America, and to receive the personal tribute of our unwavering attachment to your rule ; and we trust, that, while your Majesty's presence would still more closely unite the bonds which attach this Province to the Empire, it would gratify your Majesty to witness the progress and prosperity of this distant part of your dominions.

The completion in 1860, of the Victoria Bridge, the most gigantic work of modern days, would afford to your Majesty a fitting occasion to judge of the importance of the Province of Canada ; while it would afford the inhabitants the opportunity of uniting in their expression of loyalty and attachment to the Throne and Empire.

We therefore most humbly pray that your Majesty will graciously deign to be present upon the occasion of the opening of the Victoria Bridge, with your Majesty's Royal Consort, and such members of your Majesty's august Family as it may please your Majesty to select to accompany you.

Legislative Council, 4th May, 1859.

This Address was presented to her Majesty by the Speaker of the House of Assembly, one of the gentlemen recently knighted by the Prince of Wales, Sir Henry Smith, and was most graciously responded to in the following terms :