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it as our chief duty to interest ourselves in whatever concerns the moral and religious well-being of those more immediately under our spiritual oversight, we are not insensible to the importance of whatever affects the honour and interests of this great Empire over which Your Majesty bears rule. Since we last addressed Your Majesty—as is our wont at our Annual Assembly—our apprehensions have been painfully aroused, by the tidings of an unexpected aggression committed by a National Vessel of a Foreign Power, on that Flag which is the badge of Your Majesty's authority and the emblem of the National Dignity, and to which Your Majesty's subjects in all parts of the world are wont to look for protection in every just and lawful enterprise. We joined in the public indignation at the unprovoked insult, and experienced the most anxious solicitude respecting the consequences likely to result from so wanton an outrage. It was therefore with the most lively satisfaction we learned that through the firm and dignified assertion of national rights, and by a temperate appeal to the principles of international law, the wrong was rectified and the offence voluntarily atoned for, without any further breach of the amicable relations which have so long subsisted between Your Majesty's Government and that of the kindred Nation on our borders.

We have observed with great interest the departure of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales on a visit to the Holy Land. Interesting to himself as must be a temporary sojourn in a country so intimately connected with the most striking of historic events in the annals of the world, and so closely associated with the holy memories of the doings and teachings of "*the Holy One and the Just*," who there "went about doing good," when, as "the man of sorrows," he dwelt on earth, we fondly hope that His Royal Highness may enjoy the Divine protection, and in due time return in safety to his native land with additional stores of information, which may the better fit him for the discharge of the duties of the exalted station, to which in the providence of God he may at some distant day be called.

That Your Majesty may be long spared to preside over the destinies of this great Empire, and that Almighty God may encompass you with His favour, and bestow upon you all spiritual and heavenly blessings in Christ Jesus, is our earnest prayer.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Toronto, the Fourth Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-two years, by

WILLIAM LEITCH,  
*Moderator.*

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### ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Viscount Monck, Governor General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland now assembled in annual session at Toronto, respectfully approach Your Excellency to offer our congratulations on your assuming the Government of this Province, and to express a hope that Your Excellency's administration may, under the guidance and blessing of Heaven, be productive of the highest advantage to the community.