

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

Enclosures.

Father—We now salute you, and we pray that the Great Master of Life may be kind to you, that He may bless you with a long and good Journey under the *blue* Sky and endless Happiness above it.

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, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Coloured Inhabitants of Hamilton and its Vicinity, having heard with unfeigned Regret that your Excellency is about to leave this Province, feel ourselves called upon to address your Excellency on an Occasion of the most poignant Sorrow to all of us.

Having experienced the Blessings of living under your Excellency's most paternal Administration of the Government of this Province, the Benefits we have received will be remembered by our Children's Children, with heartfelt Gratitude that Providence mercifully sent your Excellency hither to succour the oppressed and liberate the Captive.

We beg to assure your Excellency of our most devoted Loyalty and Attachment to the British Constitution, as under no other Government whatever could we enjoy such extensive Privileges and Protection, and for which we can assure your Excellency we are truly grateful; and in proof of which we are ready at any Time to sacrifice our Lives in Defence of that Government. And as we voluntarily left our Homes and took up Arms to defend this Province from an expected Attack from Rebels and Pirates assembled on Navy Island, we shall at all Times be among the foremost to answer any Call that may be made upon us, either to suppress Rebellion in the British Provinces or Aggression by a Foreign Enemy.

We beg most sincerely to thank your Excellency for the humane and prompt Manner in which your Excellency acted in the Case of a Coloured Man of the Town of Hamilton, Jesse Happy, who was claimed by the American Authorities, and whom you released from Prison and most nobly refused to surrender up to Slavery; setting a bright Example to our Republican and Democratic Neighbours, of determined, stern, monarchical Justice.

We now most respectfully and sorrowfully bid Farewell to your Excellency, and, poor as we are, trust we shall never prove Insolvents in Gratitude for Benefits received; and rest assured, that wherever your Lot may be cast you will have the Prayers of the Coloured Inhabitants of Hamilton and Parts adjacent offered up to Divine Providence for the Happiness of yourself and Family.

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Bart., 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 principal Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations Indians, residing at the Grand River, in the Gore District, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency, and to express our sincere Regret in learning that your Excellency is shortly to resign the Government of this Province, and leave for England.

Although your Excellency's Stay in this Province has not been long, it will be marked as the most important Period in the History of Upper Canada. Your extended Views for the Improvement of this fine Country and the Introduction of Population and Capital from the old Country must claim the Admiration of all who desire to see it flourish as a British Colony; and may it long continue to form Part of that Country to which our Ancestors, from their earliest Connexion, clung with devoted Loyalty.

By your prompt and energetic Measures an unnatural Rebellion has been put down. Our Friends, the Militia of the Country, behaved nobly; they instantly flew to your Call; our Warriors were ready to have fought by their Side.

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