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Enclosure in No. 12.

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May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most faithful subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, most reverently and respectfully approach your most gracious Majesty's throne, and with sentiments of the deepest and most sincere attachment beg leave to offer the humble tribute of our heartfelt sympathy for your Majesty's bereavement, and the national affliction, on the occasion of the departure from this world of our late beloved sovereign, your Majesty's uncle, of glorious and happy memory.

Under the mild and beneficent administration of that great and good monarch, the genius of liberty and reform spread her influence over the land, and wherever she smiled contentment and happiness were awakened, because Government became impartial, and justice accessible to all the people; the fetters fell from the feet of the captive, and he lifted up his hands, unmanacled, in thanksgiving, pouring benedictions upon his royal benefactor. While the encouragement of commerce and industry bespoke a solicitude for national prosperity, the mitigation of the severity of the penal code testified an inherent love of the truly royal attribute of mercy, and the tranquillization of Ireland was commemorative of a love of justice calculated to endear his memory to the latest posterity.

But while your Majesty's loyal subjects of Newfoundland concur in this universal sentiment of grateful remembrance of favours poured upon other countries under the dominion of Britain, their gratitude is particularly called forth by his late Majesty's attention to the interest of this colony, manifested in his graciously according the blessing of self-legislation to a people whose distance from the seat of Government rendered a local legislature necessary to promote their prosperity, and that feeling is peculiarly enhanced by the last act of his Majesty's life, as connected with this island; the opening the prison gates upon electors unjustly condemned to loss of liberty because they had dared to use their franchise freely.

The principal institutions of Newfoundland are young—her courts of justice and her legislature; and they particularly need your Majesty's fostering care to guide them through the difficulties naturally surrounding infant establishments, and your Majesty's people in this distant but important colony therefore hail the commencement of your most august Majesty's reign as bearing auspicious promise of improvement.

Most gracious Queen, permit your Majesty's faithful Commons of Newfoundland to bear to your Majesty their ardent felicitations on your Majesty's happy accession to the throne of your forefathers, and to express an humble but sincere prayer that your Majesty may be destined to bring to maturity all those great measures of improvement which owed their inception to your Majesty's royal predecessors, and to ratify all the fond hopes of your people by a long, a happy, and an illustrious reign.

House of Assembly,
16 October 1837.

(signed) *Will. Carson,*
Speaker.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord *Glenelg* to Governor *Prescott*.

Sir,

Downing-street, 6 January 1838.

I HAVE had the honour to lay before The Queen the address from the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, dated the 16th of October, and enclosed in your despatch, No. 67, of the 9th December last; and I have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct you to inform the House of Assembly that Her Majesty has received with much satisfaction the assurances contained in their address of the attachment of that House to Her person and Government, and to the constitution under which they live; and that the House may be assured that Her Majesty will at all times be ready to co-operate with them in promoting the welfare of that ancient and valuable possession of the British Crown.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Glenelg*.