

**CORRECT COPY** of the **PETITION** of the  
**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY** of **LOWER CANADA**, to  
the **BRITISH PARLIAMENT**, as it passed on  
Friday, 26th February, 1836. Ayes, 55 ;  
Noes, 7.—Majority, 48.

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**TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.**

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :**

WE your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach your Majesty's throne, for the purpose of expressing once more, in the name of the people we represent, our firm though respectful opinion of the necessity of the reforms we have so often prayed for, in the Constitution of this Province, and of the redress of the grievances and abuses which have prevailed therein. We seize the same occasion to make known our sentiments with regard to a portion of the recent views and determinations of your Majesty's government, in so far as it has been possible for us to become acquainted with them. We pray your Majesty to believe in our sincerity. We desire, as the representatives of a people who have even in times of difficulty shown a strong attachment to the empire over which your Majesty presides, not to forget the sentiments of respect we owe to your Majesty's sacred person, and which your Royal attributes require ; but at the same time it would be culpable in us to sanction by our silence any misconception with regard to the nature of the improvement and reforms required, or to the constitutional and practical system of government which we desire to see established in this province, and which we believe to be equally in accordance with the true principles of the constitution, the incontestable rights of the inhabitants of this province, and their natural and social position, and with their wishes, interests, and necessities. When we solemnly repeat, that the principal object of the political reforms, which this