

ment; and we still hope and trust, that when the late Struggle with an unnatural Rebellion shall be made known to our Gracious Queen, the distinguished Favour of our Sovereign will be in unison with the Feelings of a loyal and a grateful People.

Your Excellency's Observation of the Capability and natural Resources of this fine Province will enable you to render us great Services in making known to our Fellow Subjects in England the Safety there is for Loyalty, Wealth, and honest Industry to be planted in this Portion of the Queen's Dominions; and we doubt not that your Excellency's graphic Pen will place before the British Public the favourable Character of this Country and its loyal Inhabitants.

At a Time when your Excellency is about to depart this Province, an Expression of Feelings thus offered cannot proceed from any other Motive than that of offering a just Tribute to your acknowledged Worth; and we beg to assure your Excellency, that on taking Leave of this Province you carry with you the devout Prayers of a loyal and grateful People to Almighty God, that your native Shores may afford you the sacred Welcome of a happy Home, and that you may be distinguished by some signal Mark of Royal Favour; and that Health, Peace, and Happiness may attend your Excellency and Family, in whatever Station in Life it may please God to place you.

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Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg,
20th March 1838.
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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, the undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Kingston, beg leave to approach your Excellency with the most earnest Assurance of our deep Regret at your Retirement from the Government of this Province.

Your Excellency has been pleased to inform the Legislature of the Province, now in Session, that having had the Misfortune to differ from Her Majesty's Government on some Points of Colonial Policy (yet unknown to us) you felt it your Duty to tender your Resignation.

While we duly appreciate the Delicacy of your Excellency's Motives in withholding at present from the Public a Knowledge of the Circumstances which induced you to relinquish the important Station which for Two Years you had held in this Province, we cannot but express in Terms the most distinct our anxious Concern that any Policy which your Excellency has adopted during that Period should have met with the Dissent or Disapprobation of a Government in whose Service your Excellency has manifested, with consummate Success, so much Ability, Zeal, and Firmness.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that in this Expression of our Sentiments on the present trying Occasion we are not excited by the Impulse of transient Sympathy; much less are we actuated by a Spirit of Indulgence in the Language of habitual Complaint, a Tone which has ever been foreign to the Inhabitants of this Town. We have always been amongst the first to acknowledge the various Blessings we enjoy from our happy Connexion with the Parent State, and the many Favours extended to us by her Rulers; and for none of these do we entertain a higher Sense of Obligation than for the judicious Selection of your Excellency to administer the Affairs of this Colony.

This Administration, however to be lamented for the Shortness of its Duration, has been pregnant with Events the most momentous which ever befel the Destinies of the Province. In reviewing them the Mind is filled with Surprise, while the Heart expands with Gratitude to the Disposer of all Good, for the signal Success which on the most trying Occasions has attended your Excellency's Exertions.

Your Excellency assumed the Government of this Province, we have Reason to believe, equally unwedded to political Creed, and unbiassed by Party Distinction. You availed yourself of Talent where it was to be found; and freely admitted to your Councils Men who, under the specious Pretence of Constitutional Reform, had gained for their Party a Majority in the Representation of the Colony. You thus afforded a Test of their Principles, to