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ment ; they wish to make an effort of recovery  
from all this disgrace and danger ; they entreat  
your instant and earnest aid to assist them.

Permit me, Sir, to subscribe, this first day of  
August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand  
eight hundred and eighteen,

With every sentiment of respect, your Excellen-  
cy's most ob't. humble servant.

RICHARD BEASLEY.

Having likewise been appointed members of a  
deputation to wait upon his Excellency the Lieut-  
enant-Governor with the same, on his arrival, we  
have to state, that that event was no sooner an-  
nounced, than it was reported that his Excellency  
intended to leave York immediately, on a visit to  
Port Talbot. His Excellency, however, delayed  
this visit, expecting the arrival of his Grace the  
Duke of Richmond ; and before we could be aware  
of this new determination, his Excellency had  
crossed over with his Grace to view the falls of  
Niagara ; and on his return, proceeded immediately  
to Port Talbot. Notwithstanding these de-  
lays, we were not displeased that his Excellency  
should have time to view and understand the state  
of the country, before we presented the address,  
which we had hoped would have taken place before  
the meeting of Parliament. But here a number of  
unforeseen delays frustrated our wishes ; Mr. Wil-  
liam Kerr, one of the deputation, being on the  
Grand Jury, was detained a week, at Niagara ; and  
on his arrival at York, Mr. Beasley had returned to  
the district of Gore but the evening before, to at-  
tend the Quarter Sessions, and another week elap-  
sed before his return. This is more to be regret-  
ted, as in the meantime his Excellency the Lieut.  
Governor, in his speech, animadverted so severely  
upon the Convention, as almost to preclude a hope  
that he would receive the address ; nevertheless,  
not wishing to impute to him a measure so ill-ad-  
vised, we waited upon his Secretary, Major Hil-  
lier, with a copy of the same, for his Excellency's  
perusal, and requesting to know when he would  
be pleased to receive the address. Whereupon his  
Excellency was pleased to send for us, requesting  
to know *what we wanted?* We replied, that we  
waited upon him with an address from the rep-  
resentatives of a numerous and respectable body of  
his Majesty's loyal subjects in this province. His  
Excellency was pleased to ask, if we conceived he  
would receive an address from so unconstitutional  
a body ; stating, at the same, that he would re-  
ceive petitions from the different townships and dis-  
tricts. To which we replied, that the meeting was  
not unconstitutional ; at least not in this province.  
He repeated, that it was, and that we had his an-  
swer ; on which we made our bows, and retired.  
Nevertheless, being still anxious that his Excel-  
lency might have full time to amend any hasty step  
he had taken, on his part, we took the liberty of  
again calling his attention to the subject, in sub-  
stance as follows :

Sir—We have to request, that you will be pleas-  
ed to lay the enclosed, before his Excellency the  
Lieut. Governor, for his serious consideration, as  
affecting very materially, the feelings of a large  
portion of his Majesty's loyal subjects within this  
province. (Signed) W. J. KERR,  
(Signed) GEO. HAMILTON.

York, Oct. 23, 1818.

To MAJOR HILLIER, Secretary, York.

To his Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K. C.  
H. Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Up-  
per Canada, Major-General commanding his Ma-  
jesty's forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency :

The undersigned, a deputation appointed by a nu-  
merous meeting of his Majesty's loyal subjects,  
from the different districts within this province, to  
present to your Excellency a most respectful ad-  
dress, humbly stating to your Excellency, as the  
representative of his Majesty, the difficulties they  
labor under, and requesting your Excellency's at-  
tention thereto, notwithstanding they have receiv-  
ed your Excellency's determination to reject the  
same, without even deigning to give it a perusal ;  
and although it may appear highly indecorous in  
them again to address your Excellency, on the  
same subject ; nevertheless, being most unwilling  
to state to their constituents the most ungracious  
reception they have met with, hope that this will  
plead a sufficient excuse for again calling your Ex-  
cellency's attention to a serious consideration of  
the character of those persons, styling themselves  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NUMEROUS MEETINGS  
THROUGHOUT THIS PROVINCE.

Your Excellency, they trust, will find, on the  
most strict investigation, that their conduct dur-  
ing the late war, was most exemplary—that the  
meeting of the Convention of Friends to Enquiry,  
although so severely animadverted upon in your  
Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and re-echoed  
back by one branch of the Legislature, (the  
House of Commons,) as a systematic attempt to  
organize sedition, was held in the capital of this  
province, in the face of day, and in the most open  
manner—that all their proceedings were immedi-  
ately published—and that the resolutions then en-  
tered into and maturely deliberated upon, were  
their own act, uninfluenced by any person whatev-  
er—that they beg leave to differ with your Excel-  
lency, as to the unconstitutionality of their pro-  
ceedings : they are confident that the intention of  
the meeting was upright and laudable, and they  
conceive them to have been perfectly constitu-  
tional, in as much as they are not aware of any act  
rendering such meetings unlawful. Indeed, they  
may infer, from your Excellency's address to the  
Legislature on that head, that their constituents  
have met together, lawfully and constitutionally,  
for the pure purpose of petitioning his Majesty's  
representative for a redress of grievances ; as  
otherwise there could be no occasion to recom-  
mend the passing an act to declare unlawful such  
meetings ; which the undersigned consider their  
dearest and most sacred birth right, and an unalien-  
able privilege secured to them by the virtue of  
their ancestors.

RICHARD BEASLEY,  
WILLIAM J. KERR,  
GEORGE HAMILTON.

York, Oct. 23, 1818.

To which we received his Secretary's note in  
reply :

Government House,  
York, October 23, 1818, 7 P. M. }

GENTLEMEN—His Excellency the Lt. Governor  
being from home when I received your letter of  
this date, I have not till now had an opportunity  
of offering to him the paper it enclosed ; which I  
have now to return, as his Excellency declines re-  
ceiving it, for the reasons already stated.