

No. 3.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Sir F. B. HEAD, K.C.H., Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, to Lord GLENELG.

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Lieut. Governor
Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg,
2d May 1837.

My Lord,

Toronto, Upper Canada, 2d May 1837.

I HAVE the Honour to transmit to your Lordship a Copy of an Address which has been presented to me by Mr. Hugh Scobie and Mr. David Brodie, requesting me to transmit to your Lordship a Document, purporting to be, "a Copy of an Address to the King by the Assembly of Delegates in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, who met at Cobourg on the 14th April."

As the Object of this Address is to prove, that the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 31 Geo. III. Cap. 31. is an Infringement of the Rights of the Petitioners, I do not think it necessary to offer any Observations to your Lordship on the Subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed) F. B. HEAD.

Enclosure referred to in No. 3.

(Copy.)

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, K. C. H., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

Enclosure.

May it please your Excellency,

We beg leave most respectfully to present to your Excellency a Copy of the Address to His Majesty of the Assembly of Delegates in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, who met at Cobourg on the 14th instant, and pray that your Excellency may be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Honourable Lord Glenelg, Secretary for the Colonies; and also, that you may be pleased to recommend the same to His Majesty's favourable Consideration.

And, as in Duty bound, we shall ever pray.

(Signed) WALTER TELFER.
HUGH SCOBIE.
DAVID BRODIE.

Cobourg,
17th April 1837.

(Copy.)

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, Delegates appointed to meet at Cobourg by the Presbyterian Congregations in Canada, in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, to consider what Measures, at the present Crisis, it might be most expedient to adopt, in order to remove the spiritual Disabilities under which we labour, beg leave, in the Name of the whole Members of our Church in Canada, most humbly to approach Your Majesty, and to express our sincere Attachment and Loyalty to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

We beg leave most humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that the Churches of Scotland and England were established by Acts of the Parliament of the separate Kingdoms, and were confirmed by the Act of Union, whereby a "Communication of all Rights, Privileges, and Advantages is secured to the Subjects of either Kingdom," and therefore the Status of the Two Churches so established is co-ordinate in the British Colonies.

With the utmost Deference, we humbly state to Your Majesty that the fundamental Principles of the Act of Union, which were guaranteed to us with so much Jealousy by our Forefathers in perilous Times, and which every true Scotsman must always consider as a Birthright not to be infringed upon, cannot be in any way affected by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain without doing manifest Injustice to Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Scottish Subjects.

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