

tender Your resignation ; but we know, that at no period in the history of Upper Canada has its political condition been such as ought to be more satisfactory to the Ministers of the Crown : and we feel that not Upper Canada only, but the Empire, owes to Your Excellency a large debt of gratitude, for your firm and manly avowal, upon all occasions, of those sentiments which became the Representative of a British Monarch, and for the unwavering support which Your Excellency has never failed to give to the established principles of the Constitution.

It is this fearless adherence to right principles, rather than to expediency, which has enabled Your Excellency to rally round the Government, in a moment of danger, the arms of an united People : and to exhibit this Province to our Sovereign, and to the world, in a posture which must command for its brave and loyal inhabitants the highest admiration and respect.

If the result of Your Excellency's firm and uncompromising policy shall impress upon Her Majesty's Government the conviction, that they need not fear to support in Upper Canada the principles of the British Constitution, it will have produced an effect of infinite value to this Colony ; and will have supplied what we believe has been chiefly wanting to insure its permanent tranquillity.

But the Legislative Council cannot refrain from expressing the regret with which they have observed, in the case of Your Excellency, and of your respected and gallant Predecessor, that your connection with the Government of this Colony has seemed incapable of being protracted, with satisfaction to yourselves, beyond the period when it became evident that no submission would be made by you to a spirit of factious discontent, which nothing can appease but the destruction of British rule.

We beg Your Excellency to believe, that the Legislative Council will ever entertain a grateful recollection of the justice and condescension which they have always had occasion to acknowledge in their intercourse with Your Excellency ; and that they participate deeply in the feeling of general regret at Your Excellency's approaching departure from this Province.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Seventeenth day of January, 1835.