

hostile to the government, began to think it time to bestir and place themselves in an attitude suited to the approaching crisis. A loyal address to the King, very numerously signed, was prepared at Montreal. This was forwarded through Lord Aylmer, on whom a deputation of inhabitants of that city waited, with an address requesting him to transmit it: "We have been deputed," said they, "on the part of a large portion of the inhabitants of Montreal and its vicinity, to present to your lordship their petition to His Majesty in opposition to the spirit and tendency of the ninety-two resolutions adopted by a majority of the House of Assembly, and respectfully to request that you will be pleased to cause the same to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

"We beg to assure Your Excellency, from our own knowledge with respect to the town, and the declarations of respectable individuals in the country, and from other testimonials, that the signatures affixed to this petition are those of persons of respectability, and almost, without exception, of mature age—in corroboration of which we beg leave to refer Your Excellency to one sheet, containing upwards of four hundred signatures of French Canadians, certified by a public notary to be those of so many landholders in the parish of St. Martin alone.

"Those whom we have the honor to represent have throughout disdained the subterfuges and artifices by which the opposite party are swelling the signatures to their petition in approbation of the ninety-two resolutions, by subscribing the names of infants, and of adults, misled into the belief that they were merely signing a declaration of their satisfaction with their present condition.

"We feel assured that Your Excellency will be gratified to learn that so large a portion of the respectable part of the community have, in so many sections of the country, re-echoed the sentiments of