

No. 73.
Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg,
20th March 1838.

Enclosures.

Legislative Council Chamber, 31st January 1838.

Resolved, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Ratchford do wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and present to him the Address and Resolutions agreed on on the 29th of this present Month of January.

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,
Clerk.

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, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Constitutional Association of Quebec, having been informed that your Excellency is about to retire from the Government of Upper Canada, feel ourselves impelled, as well by a Sense of Justice to your Excellency's Person as by a Sense of Duty to our beloved Queen, to express our deep Regret at your Excellency's intended Departure; and although Circumstances have placed your Excellency beyond our Reach for the more intimate and private Relations of Life, yet upon public Grounds we feel ourselves called upon to acquaint your Excellency that we deeply deplore the Causes which have led your Excellency to resign the high and important Station you have held in our Sister Province, the Duties of which you have so ably and so faithfully discharged.

The passing Events in Upper Canada could not but be regarded by us as of the most vital Importance to this Province, and, entertaining this View, we have watched with the utmost Anxiety your Excellency's Administration. We have followed you through your prosperous Career, and particularly during the eventful Period of the late Rebellion, and whilst recording, as we now do by this Address, our Admiration of your public Conduct, we venture to express the Hope that Her Majesty's Ministers will at length be convinced that the Principles of the British Constitution alone are applicable to the good Government of these Provinces.

At a Time when Constitutional Government has led to such happy Results, from the Exercise of a sound Discretion, accompanied by a dignified and uncompromising Course of Policy, which has conspicuously marked your Excellency's Administration in Upper Canada, we are irresistibly led to attribute the present deplorable Condition of the British and Irish Inhabitants of this Province to a weak and vacillating Policy, so directly opposite to that pursued by your Excellency.

We therefore deeply sympathise with the Inhabitants of our Sister Province on the Loss they will so universally feel on the Occasion of your Excellency's Departure.

In respectfully offering our sincere Wishes for your Excellency's future Happiness, and that of Lady Head and Family, we feel that we speak the Sentiments of the whole Body of Constitutionals in this District, in expressing the Hope, nay the Conviction, that your valuable Talents will ever be enlisted in behalf of these Provinces, and that the important Services you have already rendered to Upper Canada and the Empire at large will receive that well-merited Reward, the Approbation of our most gracious and beloved Queen.

(Signed) A. STUART, Chairman.
W. BRISTON, Secretary.

Province of Lower Canada,
Quebec, 24th February 1838.

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 Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Privates of the First Company of Saint John's Loyal Volunteers Light Infantry, residing at