

Your Royal Highness, for the purpose of expressing the very humble acknowledgments and feelings of gratitude of the Inhabitants of this Province, for the benefits they have had the happiness to enjoy, during more than half a century, under His Majesty's Paternal Government. These feelings are so deeply engraven on the hearts of all His Majesty's Canadian Subjects, that notwithstanding the measures adopted by the late administration, measures tending to alienate their affection for His Majesty's Government, we have no hesitation in assuring your Royal Highness, that their conduct will, at all times, justify the confidence which His Majesty and Your Royal Highness have reposed in their loyalty and their courage.

However inviolable the attachment of His Majesty's Canadian Subjects to his Government, we should deem ourselves wanting, in our allegiance to our well beloved Sovereign, and in our duty towards those of his Subjects, whom we represent, if we abstained from exposing to Your Royal Highness, the state of distress to which this Province is reduced, through the extraordinary efforts it has made, and sacrifices it has undergone, in supporting the War, which, without speedy relief, threaten the ruin of agriculture, general distress, famine, and the depopulation of the Country, besides dooming it to pass under the odious yoke of its Enemy.

Within a short period after the declaration of War, on the part of the *United-States of America*, against *Great-Britain*, the House of Assembly of *Lower-Canada*, upon a communication from the Governor in Chief, on the want of the monies necessary for the service of Government, zealously concurred in the passing of a Law, for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills—Notwithstanding the repugnance of the Inhabitants of the Country, to paper Money; a repugnance arising from their experience of unhappy consequences, from a former circulation of that kind, and notwithstanding the advantage, which they perceived the Merchants would possess over them, in being the only persons taking for those Bills, Bills of Exchange upon *England*, the Law in question had, at first, all the effect that could be expected. Army Bills would not, as yet, have experienced any depreciation, if the quantity of specie, at the disposal of Government, in this Province, had been in proportion to the issue of them, but circumstances having, unfortunately, prevented