

“ Under these circumstances, we humbly, yet earnestly entreat your Honorable House, to hasten to address His Majesty for the removal of advisers of the Crown in this Colony ; to request the attention of the Commons of the United Kingdom to the state of public affairs ; and to take the only effectual and constitutional step which is left you to check arbitrary power, and for maintaining the rights of your injured constituents by withholding all supplies of the public money from a government which openly declares its determination to subvert and nullify those ancient fundamental laws and usages so agreeable to nature and reason. for the protection of which the faith and honor of the British nation stand solemnly pledged to the colonists.

“ Successive Houses of Assembly have declared that to your Honorable House it of right belongs to choose your own officers and confidential servants ; and it appears from the Despatch of Lord Glenelg of the 15th December last, that the King does not dissent from these views. We pray that this right may be so exercised that the records of your House and the petitions of the people may not be entrusted to those who are the avowed enemies of free institutions.

“ And as a speedy return to your constituents may possibly be the result of your firmness in the defence of liberty, we pledge ourselves to stand by you at the hour of trial with our voices and influence ; and in order that there may be less cause given for controverted elections we pray you to hasten to give effect to a bill for the better regulation of the election laws, which are at present defective in some very important features.

“ We further pray you, as the Great Council of the Province, to address the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to remove, as being unworthy of trust, the members of the Executive Council whose names have lately been gazetted, and to appoint, as His Councillors and principal Officers, persons possessing the confidence of your Honorable House and of the Country.

(Signed,) “ ROBERT BURNS,” and others.

May it please your Honorable House to cause the claims justly due to your Petitioner to be paid, and Petitioner will ever pray.

W. L. MACKENZIE.

Quebec, December 13, 1854.