

acquaint those who concurred in the address, that he receives with great satisfaction this public declaration of their loyalty to our most Gracious Queen, and of their sincere attachment to the union subsisting between this province and the parent state.

Earl of Gosford
to Lord Glenelg,
23 December 1837.

No one, his Excellency desires me to assure the memorialists, deplores more than he does the distressing scenes that have resulted from the criminal proceedings of ambitious and designing men, who have not hesitated recklessly to involve a portion of this hitherto happy country in the desolation and sufferings inseparable from civil war.

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His Excellency accepts with confidence the assurance of the firm determination of the memorialists to second his endeavours for the restoration of the blessings of peace and harmony, and of their readiness at all times zealously to defend the Government of our most Gracious Sovereign, to the foot of whose Throne he will not fail to convey, as they request, the expression of their loyal sentiments on this occasion.

I have, &c.

(signed) S. Walcott, Civil Secretary.

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ANSWER to Loyal Address from the French Canadians in the City of *Montreal*.

Gentlemen,

Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 13 December 1837.

I THIS day had the honour to receive your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing the resolutions passed on the 4th at a meeting of the citizens of *Montreal*, of French origin, together with the very numerous signed address to the Governor-in-chief, which was unanimously adopted at that meeting; and having submitted the same to his Excellency, he has commanded me to request that you would be good enough to signify to the signers of this address that it has afforded him a very lively satisfaction to receive at this conjuncture from the citizens of French origin in *Montreal* the frank expression of gratitude, loyalty and attachment to the Government of Great Britain which it contains.

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His Excellency has also directed me to add, that it is his intention at an early opportunity to transmit the proceedings of the meeting to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne, as a testimony that a large and influential portion of the citizens, of French origin, in the opulent and populous city of *Montreal*, disavow and discountenance the disorganizing principles and revolutionary designs of men who have abused the confidence placed in them by their fellow-citizens, to lure them on to acts of the most criminal dye, rapine, murder and rebellion.

His Excellency relies with confidence upon the assurances of those who have signed the address, that they will second with all their influence his efforts to restore tranquillity to the country, and harmony between all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in the province; and he trusts that they will individually and actively follow up the laudable intentions they have thus collectively manifested, by using all the means in their power to induce the deluded peasantry to return to their homes and peaceful occupations, and by a prompt submission to the laws, and justify a continuance of the mild and parental policy of a Government under whose protection and fostering care they have for so long a period possessed the unmolested enjoyment of their religion, their language and their institutions.

The Hon. P. De Rocheblave and
P. Lacombe, Esq., *Montreal*.

I have, &c.

(signed) Walcott.

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JOSEPH SIGNAY,

Par la miséricorde de Dieu et la grace du St. Siège Apostolique, Evêque de Québec,
&c. &c. &c.

Au Clergé et aux Fidèles de notre diocèse, Salut et Bénédiction en Notre-Seigneur.

S'IL est des circonstances, nos très-chers frères, où nous sommes obligé d'élever la voix, pour rappeler aux fidèles confiés à notre sollicitude leurs devoirs à l'égard de la puissance civile, c'est surtout à la suite des malheureux événements qui viennent de se passer dans le district de *Montréal*, et qui sont aujourd'hui le sujet de la plus amère affliction pour les habitants de cette Province.

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Vous le savez, N. T. C. F., des hommes aveuglés par un patriotisme malentendu se sont efforcés de faire prévaloir en ce pays des doctrines propres à favoriser l'insubordination. Eh bien! ces funestes doctrines ont produit leurs fruits: un nombre considérable de nos concitoyens qui les avaient adoptées sans en prévoir les déplorables résultats, sont déjà devenus les victimes de leur trop confiante crédulité.

Quelque pénible qu'il soit à notre cœur de vous remettre devant les yeux des faits si propres à vous contrister, nous ne pouvons cependant nous en dispenser, parce qu'ils nous fournissent l'occasion de vous prémunir contre les doctrines perverses qui les ont provoqués.

Sans