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My Lord,

Upper Canada, Toronto,
4 March 1837.

AT the request of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this province, I do myself the honour to forward to your Lordship, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, the accompanying joint Address to the King, relating to the necessity of improving the navigation of that part of the River St. Lawrence within the boundary of Lower Canada, in a manner to correspond with the improvements now carrying on by this province in the navigation of that portion of the river within its boundary.

I have, &c.

The Lord Glenelg.

(signed) *F. B. Head.*

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To his Excellency Sir *Francis Bond Head*, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, and of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant-governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, have agreed to an humble Address to the King, on the subject of the navigation of the St. Lawrence, which we respectfully request your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
4 March 1837.(signed) *J. B. Robinson*, Speaker.Commons House of Assembly, }
4 March 1837.(signed) *Arch^d M^r Lean*, Speaker.

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To The KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, most respectfully beg leave to represent,

That the Legislature of this province having witnessed the loss of a great part of the commerce of the western country, bordering on our extensive inland water communication, by their connexion with the Hudson River in the state of New York, by means of canals, appropriated in 1833 the sum of 350,000*l.* for the purpose of constructing a ship or steam-boat canal on the St. Lawrence, on a scale commensurate with the magnitude of that noble river.

That during the ensuing year, or succeeding one, those works will be so far completed as to admit the passage of a steam-boat from Lake Ontario to the Coteau du Lac, within the boundary of Lower Canada.

That although a canal of only 12 or 14 miles in length is necessary to connect that point with the ocean, thereby rendering those great inland lakes to all intents and purposes a sea-coast, the Legislature of Lower Canada have as yet taken no steps to forward that improvement.

That as the products of this province for exportation or consumption will be subject to tolls for the repayment of the outlay thus made, and as the Legislature of Lower Canada have as yet manifested no interest in the prosecution of this work, it is not reasonable to expect they would oppose the work being carried on and finished, through that part of Lower Canada above the navigable part of the St. Lawrence, at the expense of the Legislature of this province.

We, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, therefore pray your Majesty may be pleased to recommend to the Legislature of Lower Canada to adopt such measures as may enable this province to complete such portions of the work within the province of Lower Canada as may be necessary to effect so desirable and important an object.