

ANSWER:

GENTLEMEN,—This most flattering tribute of approbation from the Magistrates and Inhabitants of the Town of Three Rivers would have been acceptable to me on any occasion, but it is infinitely more acceptable on the eve of my departure from the country, in all probability, for ever.

Gentlemen,—I have never varied from the course of my duties, so far as I could comprehend those of the Representative of our most gracious Sovereign in the distant Colonies of the British Empire. I have studied to walk the path of honour as a man and as a soldier. I have above all things studied to do justice with impartiality, without any respect of persons. I have disregarded popular clamour, and the slander of wandering scribblers. My sense of duty has never been influenced by such common weapons, and I leave them behind me as utterly inoffensive. The favourable opinions expressed in the language of this Address are to my mind the highest reward of public life; they are lasting and imperishable to me and to those who shall follow me to sustain my name. I can leave no better record to guide the young to a close as honourable as this which you now testify to me.

Lady DALHOUSIE desires me to express her grateful sense of the terms in which her departure has been noticed. She will never cease to entertain an affectionate recollection of Canada.

Be assured, Gentlemen, that though I am now to proceed on other service, I do not consider my duties towards this country at an end; while I have life, I will seek every opportunity to promote the interest and well-being of these Provinces.

DALHOUSIE.

No. XVI.

ADDRESS FROM THE DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS.

To His Excellency GEORGE Earl of DALHOUSIE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, General and Commander-in-Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

WE, Members of the Clergy, Magistrates, and Landholders of the District of Three Rivers, have learned with sincere regret, that your Excellency will shortly leave the high station you hold in this Province; but that regret is in some degree diminished by the consideration that the cause of our being deprived of your Excellency's further protection arises from the circumstance of your Excellency's having been called by our gracious Sovereign, to a command far more important to his Majesty's service, and which must also be more agreeable to your Excellency.

We beg to assure your Excellency, that we shall ever retain the most grateful sense of the obligations due to your Excellency, for the continued and special protection granted by your Excellency to every useful institution established in this Province. The Seminaries of Learning and Religious Establishments have invariably received both your Excellency's public and private support. The agriculture of the country has been fostered and encouraged by your Excellency's example and munificence. Elementary Schools have been established, the poor and sick have been assisted, all persons having claims have obtained most impartial decisions from your Excellency; in short, every act of the admini-