

respectfully to suggest to Your Excellency our confirmed opinion,—gathered from extensive acquaintance with the state of public feeling,—that nothing could tend more to allay existing agitations, and to strengthen the attachment of the great mass of our fellow-subjects in this Province to the Crown of Great Britain, than a speedy and satisfactory disposition of the lands heretofore set apart for the support of a Protestant Clergy; and which have been, for many years, the cause of much discontent among many of the truly loyal subjects of His Majesty, who have often constitutionally expressed their wishes on this subject.

We have great pleasure in expressing our implicit confidence that we, in common with all our fellow-subjects, shall ever enjoy, during Your Excellency's administration, all that we have ever sought or desired, "equal and impartial protection."

While engaged in the arduous duties of our ministerial office, in endeavouring to spread scriptural education and holiness, it will ever be our ardent desire, and earnest prayer to Almighty God, that Your Excellency may be under the constant guidance and protection of his Divine providence,—and that under Your Excellency's administration this noble Province may steadily advance in piety, intelligence, industry, wealth, and all that constitutes true national greatness.

Signed, by order and in behalf of the Conference,

WILLIAM LORD, *President.*

WILLIAM CASE, *Secretary.*

Conference Room, }
Belleville, 13th June, 1836. }

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

GENTLEMEN:

As the Elections have commenced, I must decline giving any other reply to the Address I have just received from you, than merely to acknowledge its receipt.