

Enclosure 9 in No. 34.

No. 34.
Right Hon.
C. P. Thomson
to Lord John Russell.
November 23, 1839.
Enclosure No. 9.

Copy of ADDRESS from KINGSTON, with Answer.

To the Right Honourable Charles Poulett Thomson, one of her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

May it please your Excellency,

We, her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the magistrates, clergy, and inhabitants of the town of Kingston, beg to offer to your Excellency our congratulations on your appointment to the high office of Governor-General of British North America, and on your arrival in this province.

We cannot fail to appreciate the motives which have induced your Excellency thus early to come among us.

We regard it as a proof that it is your Excellency's desire to become thoroughly acquainted with the resources of this valuable portion of her Majesty's dominions, and also to ascertain, by personal inspection, the wants and wishes of the inhabitants.

We cannot but feel assured, from the many benefits hitherto bestowed on this province, through the munificence of the royal and illustrious predecessors of our most gracious Sovereign, as well as from the solicitude so often expressed by her Majesty herself for the welfare of her loyal Upper Canadian subjects, and the preservation of our happy connexion with the Mother Country, that in appointing your Excellency to the distinguished but arduous trust assigned to you, our gracious Sovereign has made such selection from a conviction that your Excellency possessed qualifications well suited to the important office.

We therefore beg leave to express to your Excellency our earnest hope that in carrying out the intentions of our Sovereign, for the settlement of the affairs of this happy portion of her dominions (disturbed for a season by the machinations of the evil disposed), your Excellency will meet with that support from all classes of her Majesty's subjects which will materially enable your Excellency to fulfil the royal intention, already so emphatically expressed, of rendering our connexion with the Parent State more firm and permanent.

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REPLY.

Gentlemen,

Enclosure No. 10.

I thank you for your address and congratulations on my arrival in this province.

You have rightly understood the motives which have induced me at this early period of my administration to proceed to Upper Canada; and I trust that my personal observation during my stay there may enable me to recommend to Her Majesty's Government, and to Parliament, such measures as may be conducive to the welfare of this important province.

To remove all causes of reasonable discontent in these provinces—to promote their advancement—above all, to cement the connexion between them and the Mother Country, by strengthening the ties of interest and attachment. These are the duties committed to me by your Sovereign; and I earnestly hope that, in my endeavour to discharge these important but arduous duties, I shall receive the support of all Her Majesty's loyal subjects in Canada.

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To the Right Honourable CHARLES POULETT THOMSON, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

May it please your Excellency,

We, the merchants, forwarders, and traders of the town of Kingston, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Excellency, with sincere expressions of congratulation on your appointment to the general government of these provinces, and to welcome your visit to Kingston.

We have, in common with our fellow-subjects throughout the province, already enjoyed too many proofs of the solicitude of our most gracious Sovereign for our welfare not to feel convinced that in appointing your Excellency to the important station which you hold, She has been governed in such selection by a continual desire to behold in due time our condition materially improved, and our resources fully developed.

Nor can we fail to recognize in your Excellency the possession of those known qualifications which eminently enable you to appreciate those interests which more particularly affect the mercantile class.

We doubt not but your Excellency will perceive that the geographical position of the town of Kingston is such as to justify the expectations of its inhabitants that it will, at no distant period, become a place of great mercantile importance; and we wait with pleasing anticipations and anxious hope for the carrying out of your Excellency's measures for the general good of the province, as having a particular interest and important stake therein, without intention to enter into political dissensions of any kind or obtruding political opinions upon your Excellency's consideration. We cannot omit this favourable opportunity of stating, that