

To His Excellency
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
C. Poulett Thomson,
*Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council,
 Governor General in and over the British Provinces of North America, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE the Inhabitants of the City of Toronto, beg to congratulate Your Excellency on Your return to Upper Canada, and to renew the expression of our devoted loyalty and attachment, to Her Majesty's person and government.

We entertain a high sense of Her Majesty's care for the welfare of Her subjects in British North America, in having selected a statesman of Your Excellency's superior attainments and abilities, to administer the Government.

We beg further to express our concurrence in the declarations which Your Excellency has made of the principles upon which the Government of the Colonies shall be conducted.

It has been a source of great gratification to us, that your Excellency has personally visited the sister colonies of Her Majesty on this continent, and that your Excellency has also made a tour through a great portion of this province. In this we perceive an anxiety on the part of your Excellency to become acquainted with the position, climate, productions and resources of the several provinces and from personal observation to ascertain, not only their value to the British Crown, but at the same time to learn the wants of the people.

We cannot permit the present opportunity to pass without expressing our thanks to Your Excellency for the exertions which Your Excellency has used in effecting those important changes in the regulation of the Post Office Department, and in the Tea Trade, as affecting these Colonies, which have recently been concurred in by the Home Government, at your Excellency's suggestion.

Since Your Excellency's assumption of the Government of British North America, changes in the Constitution of this Province and of Lower Canada, have been effected, of such vital importance, as will materially influence our destinies. During the progress of these proceedings various opinions have agitated the public mind, and approbation or opposition has been freely and openly given, as the parties agreed to or dissented from the great questions under discussion.

The Imperial Parliament have enacted that a Legislative Union between Upper and Lower Canada shall take place; whatever, therefore, may have been the opinions of individuals upon the policy of so vital and important a change in our condition, we trust that all classes of people in either Province, will since our destinies have become united by the Law of the Land, bring into the discussion of all questions arising under this new condition of our affairs, that spirit of loyalty, unanimity, and good feeling, which are so essential to the prosperity of every country.