

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Glenelg to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 4th instant, enclosing the printed Copy of an Address from the "Reform Alliance Society" of Upper Canada.

Downing Street, 12th August 1836.

No. 16.
Lord Glenelg
to
Sir F. B. Head,
20th August 1836.
Enclosures.

I have, &c.

R. Baldwin, Esq.

(Signed) GEO. GREY.

My Lord,

4, Trinity Court, Charing Cross,
12th August 1836.

I have the Honour to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from Sir George Grey of the 4th instant, in reply to my Letter to your Lordship of the 28th ultimo.

Sir George Grey, while he informs me of your Lordship's declining to afford me the Information requested, expresses your Lordship's Desire to manifest towards me, personally, Respect and Courtesy. While acknowledging your Lordship's Politeness in this Particular, you will excuse me for expressing my full Consciousness of Respect and Courtesy, being both, as your Lordship admits, my Due; and permit me to assure you, that I should never have done your Lordship the Injustice of assuming that any Course which you might deem it your Duty to take could have been meant to show Want of personal Respect or Courtesy, my Right to which I knew that I had never forfeited.

Nothing, as I have before assured your Lordship, could have induced me to trespass on your Attention, but a Sense of Duty arising from what I believed, and still believe, to be a peculiarly dangerous Crisis in the political Affairs of Upper Canada; and your Lordship will, I am sure, give me Credit for being free from any Desire to violate any settled or necessary Rule of official Correspondence.

Since I last had the Honour of addressing your Lordship, it appears by the Accounts in the public Papers that Sir Francis Head has succeeded in procuring a Majority of Members ready to support him and his present Council in the new Parliament. I candidly admit to your Lordship, that I did not believe that His Excellency, with all his official Influence, and all the Violence to which he has resorted, would have been able to have accomplished this.

The Event of these Elections does not however in the least lessen the Necessity for the Adoption of the Principle contended for in the working the Machinery of the Provincial Government, though it will of course postpone the Period for again calling for its practical Application. I however once more take the Liberty of entreating your Lordship not to suffer yourself to be led away with the Supposition that the People of Upper Canada are opposed to the Principle; they *may* be in favour of Sir Francis Head and his present Executive Council, but to suppose them opposed to the Principle in itself involves, if not an Absurdity, at least a Conclusion so inconsistent with the natural Impulse of the Human Mind as to render the Adoption of such Supposition a certain Foundation of future Mischief. The Upper Canadians see this Principle in full and beneficial Operation in the Mother Country, and they will not be satisfied with being told that, though very good for their Fellow Subjects in England, it is very unfit for them. The Fact of the Government having appealed to the People by a Dissolution, and awaited the Result of that Appeal, is, it is true, of itself, as far as it goes, a practical Application of the Principle contended for; but I cannot omit this Opportunity of once again urging the Expediency of your Lordship's not losing the present Opportunity of confirming the Attachment of the People to the Mother Country by an open and direct Avowal that the Principle thus already so far applied is in future to be fully carried out and uniformly acted upon. Such a Course would, I firmly believe, conciliate Affection and confirm Confidence, both which your Lordship may be assured are most necessary to the Preservation of the Connexion between the Two Countries. Let the present Opportunity pass, and one so favourable may, most probably will, never again occur.

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