

With Your Excellency, we deplore the loss of life and the sufferings which have been entailed upon the gallant body of the Canadian Volunteers in the engagement which took place, in repelling so promptly the invaders who had attacked the country; and Your Excellency may rest assured that we shall not omit to alleviate, as far as may be in our power, the miseries so wantonly inflicted on many families. But that while we grieve with Your Excellency for their individual loss, we proudly concur with Your Excellency in congratulating the country that the first note of danger has shewn that *Canada* possesses in her Volunteers a body of men ready to peril their lives in defence of their Queen and Country.

We agree with Your Excellency in believing that the entire people have been thoroughly aroused by recent occurrences; and that it must now be apparent to all that the whole resources of the country, both in men and means, will at any moment be cheerfully given in repelling any invasion of their homes.

It affords us great pleasure to learn that, in the measures of defence which Your Excellency has been called upon to take, Your Excellency has received the unremitting support of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, and of Admiral Sir *James Hope*; and we desire, with Your Excellency, to acknowledge with unfeigned pleasure the gallant devotion displayed by the Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Military and Naval forces in *Canada*.

We learn with great satisfaction that the President of the *United States* has issued a Proclamation declaring that serious infractions of the laws of that country have been and are being committed, by evil disposed persons, within the territory and jurisdiction of the *United States*, against the British possessions in *North America*, and requiring all Officers of his Government to exert every effort for their repression; and we trust, with Your Excellency, that the course thus adopted will, ere long, prevent this country from being subjected to further attacks from the Citizens of a nation on terms of amity with *Great Britain*.

We are aware that the maintenance of the force on active duty, which the Government has been compelled to call out, must have involved an expenditure to a large amount, which was not provided for by the votes of last session.

We humbly thank Your Excellency for the promise that the accounts of this expenditure will be specially laid before us; and we shall readily consider any measure submitted to us for indemnifying the Government for this unavoidable departure from the provisions of the Audit Act.

We concur with Your Excellency in the opinion that recent occurrences shew the necessity of extending to *Lower Canada* the Act Chapter ninety-eight of the Consolidated Statutes for *Upper Canada*, to protect the inhabitants of that section of the Province against lawless aggression from subjects of Foreign Countries at peace with Her Majesty; and that it has also become necessary, for the preservation of law and order, to adopt a course similar to that taken in the present session of the Imperial Parliament, for the temporary suspension of the Writ of *Habeas Corpus*. And that we have given effect to the suggestion of Your Excellency, by passing unanimously the measures submitted to us for these purposes.

We are gratified to learn that Your Excellency has fixed, by Proclamation, the first day of August next, as the time at which the Civil Code of *Lower Canada*, passed in the last Session of Parliament, shall come into operation.

We shall not fail to give our early attention to the Code of Civil Procedure of *Lower Canada*, as reported by the Commissioners, whenever Your Excellency shall be pleased to submit it for our adoption.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the Financial Accounts for the current year, and the Estimates of Expenditure for the next year, shall be laid before us.

We receive with pleasure Your Excellency's congratulations upon the very satisfactory results of the commerce of the country during the past year; and we rejoice to know that the revenue has been so largely in excess of the estimates as to enable Your Excellency, without inconvenience, to provide for the heavy and unexpected charges entailed upon the country.

We hail with satisfaction the announcement, by Your Excellency, that the position which the great question of the Union of the Provinces of *British North America* has