



## An ADDRESS, &c.

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TO THE LOYALISTS FIRST.

**Y**OU are distinguished by having the letters U. E. placed as a mark of honor to your names, by reason of your having joined the *United Empire* by a certain time. Proclamations have been issued and most faithful promises made to all of your description, that you and your children to the third generation, should be considered worthy of his Majesty's most gracious benevolence; and that no fees of office, for deeds or surveys, should be taken from those of your description; at the same time you had three years provisions promised you and your families. At that time you had land-boards established throughout the provinces, for the ease and speedy relief of those persons who had joined the standard, and complied with every requisition of the then commanding officers of government. Lands were given out and certificates signed to such of his Majesty's subjects as found it convenient to apply, and every encouragement of deeds to be given you, within twelve months from the date of the certificates.

You are the very men who have fought and bled in his Majesty's service.—You, in the first stage of the revolution, left your friends (divided in sentiment) and took your abode under a standard for his Majesty, in the howling wilderness of the *Canadas*—leaving behind you your wives, your children and aged parents, all exposed to the heat of passion which then prevailed. All