

6 EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM BY SIR FRANCIS HEAD.

Answer 5. On retiring from the Government of Upper Canada, I determined that I would at once cease to agitate the public mind, and therefore having learned that preparations were making in Montreal, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia to receive me publicly, I deemed it advisable to cross the United States and embark at New York.

By matured arrangements, which need not be detailed, I safely arrived at that city, where, instead of finding that my political conduct had offended the good sense of the country, I experienced, on the contrary, the most flattering and liberal reception.

Neither at the public table at which I dined, nor at the theatres which I openly visited, nor at my embarkation, which was attended by a large crowd of people, did I receive the slightest incivility, or even a solitary expression of disapprobation. I most deeply appreciated this conduct, and though I maintain that their invasion of Upper Canada was a breach of the laws of nature and of nations, I must say that my departure from the American people will induce me never to regret that I ended my Canadian troubles by a straight line.

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