

that will not fail we trust of increasing the wealth of the Province

We bless the Holy Name of God, the gracious Governor of the World, that the sword of war has been sheathed in peace, and that a dispensation apparently so overwhelming for an infant country, has at least in many instances eventually benefited the country, in as much as it has added renown to the British name: consolidated our union, brought the Province into public view, and secured we hope, the approbation of our Prince. While we rejoice at being delivered from evils so alarming, as those which threatened us during the late war. We ardently wish that such signal interpositions of Divine Providence will increase our gratitude to the Divine Being; as well as the attachment of our fellow subjects to our excellent laws, and secure a cordial obedience to our civil rulers as the Ministers of God. We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that so far as belongs to our stations and characters, we shall not fail both to teach, the duties which we owe to the administrators of the Government, and practice them ourselves.

Our constant prayer at the Throne of Grace, is that the solicitude which your Excellency has hitherto manifested for the welfare of the Province, may always continue, and be effectually crowned with success by the divine blessing. And that your Excellency will ever be actuated by those grand and enlightened principles, that are at once the glory and stability of the British throne.—That your administration of British Laws in this Province, may be marked by those liberal measures in civil and religious concerns, that will not only make an indelible impression on the minds of His Majesty's loyal subjects; but that shall distinguish the page of the history of the Province, as its brightest epoch.

As it is not the extent of territory, that renders a country prosperous; but the number of its subjects, their industrious habits, their correct morals, their superior comforts, and their intellectual eminence. The voice of history attests, that these important objects have been promoted in proportion, as pure religion has prevailed. It is under the impression of sentiments of this nature, that we have witnessed with much satisfaction the encouragements afforded by the Provincial Parliament, for the support and erection of Public Schools. And we look forward with pleasing anticipations to the period, when under the auspicious aid of your Excellency, a College shall spring from these seminaries of learning, and our youth in the bosom of the Province, be qualified for all the offices of civil and ecclesiastical life.

We are particularly solicitous to express to your Excellency, that as Ministers of the peaceful, and beneficent religion of the

Holy Redeemer, that our association is free from all political plans and intrigues: that its sole object, and our only motive is the promotion of the peace, and happiness of all classes of the community, and that by the rational means of extending the true knowledge, and sincere practice of Christianity, for the diffusion and advancement of which, we have consecrated our lives.

We cannot omit this opportunity of reminding your Excellency, that among His Majesty's subjects, the Presbyterians were the earliest, and have always been among the most faithful adherents to the illustrious Family now on the British Throne. We are deeply sensible of the many blessings which our fathers and ourselves have enjoyed under the Princes of the House of Brunswick, and we fervently pray, that the future glories of the British Government, and that the Reign of the Descendants of our gracious Sovereign and Prince, may be signalized by the uninterrupted enjoyment of rational liberty, pure religion and universal happiness.

We shall not trespass further on the patience of your Excellency, but shall ever offer up our most fervent prayers to the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, that He may be graciously pleased to bless and direct your Excellency, by His unerring wisdom, always incline your heart to His glory, encompass your sacred person with His favour as with a shield, and make your Administration of the Province of Upper Canada, a lasting and universal blessing.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment,

ROB'T. M'DOWELL, *Moderator.*

WM. SMART, *Clerk of Presbytery.*

*To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:*

GENTLEMEN,

I am much gratified by your Address on behalf of so respectable a portion of the people.

Be assured it is my fervent wish and prayer, that the pernicious disunion which has partially vexed this Country, may be utterly forgotten, and that by the united efforts of us all, under the blessing of the beneficent Author of our Faith, tranquility, happiness and piety, may be established throughout the Province upon a lasting foundation.

Be assured, I feel confident, that for the production of such desirable results, you gentlemen, will prove neither the least ardent nor the least efficient labourers.