

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

No. 73.
Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg,
20th March 1838.

Enclosures.

May it please your Excellency,

We, the loyal Inhabitants of the Township of Tyendenaga, in the Midland District, Upper Canada, beg leave humbly to approach your Excellency, and represent that we have with much Regret learned that your Excellency is about to yield up the Government of this Province, which you have, during a short but eventful Period, so ably administered; and that we cannot omit an Opportunity so favourable as the present to express our painful Feelings at your Departure, and our unqualified Approbation of the numerous Acts which have in a high Degree distinguished your Administration.

Called to preside over the Affairs of this Colony at a Time when the baneful Domination of a Faction began to prevail, and when a serious Doubt existed as to the Attachment of the Inhabitants of this Province to their Mother Country and British Institutions, you assumed the Reins of Government with a Resolution to redress all real Grievances, and a Determination to point out to many who had been deluded by the Sophistries of wicked and artful Men that the imaginary Grievances so cried up by them had no Existence.

Gifted with an Energy of Mind which enabled you to give good Effect to your wise Resolutions, the Country told you, when appealed to, that your Opinion of its Loyalty was not a wrong one, and enjoyed the well-deserved Pleasure of seeing the Province rise in its Might, and proclaim that your Judgment was correct, and that no temporary Departure from the Principles of true British Liberty would ever have Effect when called upon in the Manner you called upon them to prove their Loyalty and Devotion to their Country.

When the Province had so redeemed itself, and began to enjoy the good Effects of your mild Administration, we cannot sufficiently express our Indignation that a few misguided Men, led on by others whose Treachery could only be equalled by their Hypocrisy, should dare to raise the Standard of Rebellion, and threaten yourself and us with what we hold dearer than our Lives, the Subversion of the British Constitution. But we rejoice to say, that the Inhabitants of this Province proved to your Excellency, that what they had so bravely maintained at the Hustings they would *as bravely defend with their Lives.*

We offer to your Excellency our Congratulations upon the satisfactory Result which your Excellency's prompt and determined Conduct during the late Rebellion has produced, and the undoubted Character for Loyalty which that Conduct, and the general Tenor of your Excellency's Administration, has procured for the Province.

And we beg leave to assure you, that in departing from us you take with you our *heartfelt* Wishes for your future Prosperity, and our Prayers that in whatever Part of the British Dominions Providence may allot to you there may attend you a Continuation of the bright Career which your Government of this Province has obtained for you.

We beg your Excellency to convey to Lady Head and your Family our fervent Wishes for their Happiness, and our Assurance that they will always be in our Remembrance.

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May it please your Excellency,

We, the Inhabitants of the District of Prince Edward, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency with the Expression of our deep Regret, felt in common with the other loyal Inhabitants of Upper Canada, on learning that you have resigned the high and important Station of Lieutenant Governor of this Province, filled by your Excellency with such Honour to yourself and lasting Advantage to the Empire.