

**TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE C. P. THOMPSON,  
GOVERNOR GENERAL, &C. &C.**

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WE Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the inhabitants of the City of Toronto, beg to congratulate your Excellency on your arrival among us for the 2nd time. As the Representative of our universally beloved Sovereign you have an undoubted claim on the tried allegiance and spontaneous homage of her faithful Upper Canadian subjects.

Since your Excellency was last amongst us great and important events have worked a mighty change in the political aspect of our country. The wisdom of the Imperial Parliament has, by the complete remodelling of our Constitution, opened a new era in our brief but eventful history. The almost unanimous decision of such a tribunal, confessedly the last place of appeal for all political differences and the highest recognized authority in the Empire, will, among all true British subjects, ensure universal obedience, commanding respect and dutiful submission even where it may fail in eliciting a cordial approbation.

Your Excellency has on many occasions strongly recommended a cessation of all past animosities—an oblivion of the unhappy differences of the past, and a co-operation of all classes and denominations for the anticipated improvement of the future.

Earnestly do we coincide with your Excellency in the propriety and necessity of inculcating such a course on the consideration of the community. The head of the Statesman or the heart of the Christian could devise no higher or purer lesson for harmonizing the jarring interests of this young country—and with equal earnestness do we venture to implore the assistance of Divine Providence to enable your Excellency to succeed in what we are confident is your sincere purpose and determination, the thorough union of all parties into a happy, prosperous, and undivided community.

We need not press upon your Excellency's acute and practical mind the many advantages which would result to this comparatively little known and slightly valued appendage to the British Crown, from a development of its ascertained resources, and the extension and fostering of its commercial enterprise. Such subjects, we are well assured, can never be forgotten while your Excellency presides over British North America.

Again we beg to tender to your Excellency our congratulation and respectful welcome on your arrival in our City—sincerely and sincerely trusting that your Excellency's administration of the sacred trust reposed in you by our common Sovereign, aided by the zealous co-operation of all classes and parties, will open to our view a brighter state of things for Upper Canada, when the wretched warfare of antagonistic principles and the bickerings of party agitation shall have become mere matters of history, and our country shall have taken the station to which God and Nature designed her, in the great struggle of the nations of the earth for social and political amelioration.

We cannot conclude this address more appropriately than by expressing our earnest hope that your Excellency may succeed in what, in your own emphatic language, you state to have been your endeavor, "to put an end to personal and party feuds, and to lead the people of these Colonies from fruitless and idle disputes upon theoretical points of government, to the consideration of their real and personal interests—the amelioration of their laws—the advancement of their commerce—and the improvement of their country."

Toronto. August, 1840.