

interested, and patriotic Government, still it has been amply sufficient to make us sensible, that the Resignation of your Excellency will prove a great and not unlikely an irreparable Loss to the loyal Inhabitants of this Province. Permit us therefore to express our unfeigned Sorrow, that Circumstances have compelled your Excellency to have recourse to such a Step, for we are fully sensible that it has caused and will continue to cause the most serious and sincere Regret of Thousands.

At the same Time the most earnest Prayers and hearty good Wishes of the Inhabitants of this Province will attend your Excellency; and be assured that none will more sincerely and patriotically participate in those Feelings than the loyal Inhabitants of the Township of Moore.

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Sir F. B. Head  
to  
Lord Glenelg,  
20th March 1836.  
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Enclosures.

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.

May it please your Excellency,

The undersigned Inhabitants of the Town and Township of London and Township of Oxford have just heard with much Regret, that your Excellency had in September last tendered your Resignation of the Government of this Province, and that Her Majesty's Government had been pleased to accept of your Excellency's Resignation.

The Period at which your Excellency assumed the Government of this Province was one fraught with extreme Difficulty, owing to the formidable Appearance of that base Faction which by the energetic Measures of your Excellency has been lately so signally overthrown; and the undersigned have watched with intense Interest the firm, open, and straightforward Course which your Excellency has pursued amidst Difficulties so numerous and alarming.

Although the undersigned were inclined to doubt the Policy of allowing Sedition and Rebellion to gain even a Footing in the Province, still they now freely confess that had Measures been taken to prevent only the Machinations of the wicked Faction its ultimate Designs would have been denied by many of its own Partisans, would not have been credited by many of the benevolent and well-meaning of the Province, nor would its Overthrow have been so signal and complete.

The undersigned would have rejoiced had your Excellency been allowed to remain to witness the Sunshine and Prosperity of this Province, after the dark Shade of its Sorrows had rolled away; and it is with painful Emotions they see the Laurel, as it were, snatched from your Excellency's Brow when the Victory had been almost won.

The undersigned however cannot but appreciate the Feelings your Excellency will realize in future Life, from the Consciousness of having acted firmly and nobly, from hearing from Time to Time of the Prosperity of this Province, over which Divine Providence called you to rule, and learning that the good are grateful for the benefits derived from your wise and firm, though short, Administration.

To whatever Portion of the Globe the future Lot of your Excellency may be cast, the best and most fervent Wishes of the undersigned shall accompany your Excellency; and in taking leave of your Excellency, while expressing our own Respect and Gratitude, we fervently hope, that your Excellency's noble and untiring Exertions for the Good of this Province may be duly appreciated by our beloved Sovereign; and that, independently of any other, the Consciousness of having done your Duty firmly and uprightly amidst accumulating Difficulties, will be its own Reward.