

assure you I shall have pleasure in doing so; but I lament there should be occasion to undertake, in the midst of commotions from without and troubles from within, measures which should have been adjusted in the day of tranquillity and of peace. I have the honour to be, &c., GEO. ARTHUR." A preceding paragraph possesses more interest. "I have caused," Sir George says, "the whole subject [cf the Upper Canadian Indians] to be fully gone into by the Provincial Secretary, and Mr. Tucker is a gentleman who will feel it to be a conscientious duty to befriend the Indians, and to exert himself to bring their case forward, so as to remedy the past, as far as it admits of remedy, and to provide for the future."

Lord Sydenham carried the reunion of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada by judicious pressure brought to bear on the Special Council of the latter and the House of Assembly of the former. I have several autographs of Lord Sydenham's. Here is one signed while yet a Commoner—addressed to a Canadian member of Parliament: "10th December, 1839. My dear Sir: I hear that you made a most admirable speech this morning, which I cannot refrain from thanking you for. I only regret that I had not the pleasure of hearing it. Very truly yours, C. POULETT THOMSON." Here is another written after his elevation to the Peerage. He refers in it to a Periodical about to be brought out at Toronto, having a political object: also to certain land-grants in Garafraxa, a township on the Grand River. It is dated from Government House, Montreal, 28th November, 1841. "My dear Sir: I have yours of the 24th this morning. As the case now stands, the course you propose to adopt in regard to the 'Monthly' is the best, to take an opportunity in the publication of the first number to explain that 'my sanction and patronage' mean the support which I am glad to give to any literary work undertaken upon good principles,—and not a control or responsibility on the part of the Government. After all, the paragraph does not seem to have attracted much criticism, and may not injure the Journal, which was what I feared, or commit the Government. They are a funny people there. They make a great piece of work about the supposed interference of the Government with elections, about which we should care nothing in England, and do not mind an avowal that a Journal is under the sanction and prompting of the Executive. I have a complaint from home about our giving as much as 50-acre allotments in the Garafraxa concern,