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ANSWER from the Right Honourable C. POULETT THOMSON to the Address of the Magistrates of the City and District of Quebec.

Gentlemen,

I THANK you for your address of congratulation on my arrival in this province.

The preservation of the public peace, and the pure administration of justice, are the first wants of a state, and the first duty of a Governor. You may rely with confidence upon receiving from me the most entire support in the discharge of your magisterial functions.

I fully appreciate the political and commercial importance of the city of Quebec. It will afford me sincere satisfaction at all times to contribute to its prosperity, and, when circumstances permit, by residing within its walls, to cultivate the good feelings and regard of its inhabitants.

I receive with confidence the assurance of your co-operation, and that of the inhabitants of your city, in aiding me to promote the peace and happiness of Her Majesty's subjects in this province, by cementing its permanent connexion with the other dominions of the Crown. All my efforts will be directed to that end, and it is with that object alone that I have accepted the trust with which our Sovereign has honoured me.

Quebec, 19th October, 1839.

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Right Hon.
P. C. Thomson
to Lord John Russell
19th Oct. 1839.

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(No. 2.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. C. POULETT THOMSON to Lord JOHN RUSSELL.

MY LORD,

Quebec, 22nd October, 1839.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that I yesterday held a levee at the Castle of St. Lewis, which was attended by all the principal inhabitants of Quebec and its environs without distinction of parties. I afterwards received from a numerous deputation of the merchants the Address, of which, and of my answer, I herewith transmit copies. I have much satisfaction in reporting these proofs that the efforts made in some quarters to prejudice the minds of the people of Canada, against the selection which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make of Governor of British North America, have been unsuccessful, at least in Quebec.

I proceed to Montreal this evening, where, in conformity with your Lordship's directions, I shall take an early opportunity of conferring personally with Sir George Arthur on the affairs of the Upper Province.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. POULETT THOMSON.

The Right Hon. Lord John Russell,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 29.
Right Hon.
C. P. Thomson
to Lord John Russell.
22nd Oct. 1839.

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COPY of an ADDRESS from the COMMITTEE of TRADE of QUEBEC.

The Right Hon. CHARLES POULETT THOMSON, Governor-General of British North America and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Province of Lower and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency.

WE, the undersigned composing the Committee of Trade of Quebec, beg leave respectfully to congratulate your Excellency upon your arrival in this colony.

Merchants ourselves, and representing the mercantile community of this city, it is, we assure your Excellency, with no small degree of pride and satisfaction, that we see the Government of the country entrusted to one who himself has been a merchant, and notwithstanding that the opinions understood to have been entertained by your Excellency in regard to a most important branch of the trade of this country, differ very materially from ours, we have never doubted but that from the moment of your undertaking the Government of these colonies, your strenuous and unbiassed efforts would be directed to the promotion of their interests, commercial as well as political.

We are fully persuaded that the withdrawing of that protection hitherto afforded to the timber trade of the British North-American colonies, would be not only fatal to their prosperity, by destroying their great staple trade, and weakening the bonds that now happily unite them to the mother country, but also highly injurious to the commercial interests of the empire at large. We therefore confidently hope, that when your Excellency's mind shall

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