

ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ON BEHALF OF
FRANCIS COLLINS.

*To His Excellency Sir John Colborne, Knight Commander of the Most
Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the
Province of Upper Canada, Major General commanding His Majesty's
Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament Assembled, humbly represent to Your Excellency that we have received a Petition from Francis Collins a Prisoner in the York Gaol, under a sentence of the late Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol delivery, in and for the Home District, for libel, by which sentence he is doomed to twelve months imprisonment, and to pay a fine of Fifty Pounds to the King, and afterwards to give security for his good behaviour for three years, himself in £400 and two sureties in £100 each, and to stand committed till those conditions be complied with; and having taken the same into our consideration, together with the time he has already been confined we earnestly entreat Your Excellency to extend to Francis Collins the Royal Clemency, by remitting his sentence and restoring him to his family.

*Commons' House of Assembly,
January 22nd, 1829.*

MARSHALL S. BIDWELL,
Speaker.

On receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the above Address, the following division took place.

YEAS—Messrs. Baby, Baldwin, Blacklock, Brouse, Buell, Cawthra, Dalton, Ewing, Fothergill, Fraser, Hopkins, Hornor, Ketchum, Kilborn, Leferty, Lockwood, Longley, Lyons, McCall, McDonald, Mackenzie, Malcolm, Matthews, Morris, Perry, Peterson, Radenhurst, Randal, Rolph John, Rolph George, Shaver, Smith, Thomson, Wilkinson, Willson of Wentworth, Wilson of Prince Edward, and Woodruff—37.

NAYS—Messrs. Bethune, McLean, and Samson—3.

ANSWER OF HIS EXCELLENCY, TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN :

It is my anxious wish to render service to the Province by concurring with the Legislature in every thing that can promote its peace, prosperity and happiness; and I regret exceedingly that the House of Assembly should have made an application to me, which the obligation I am under to support the Laws, and my duty to society, forbid me, I think, to comply with.

I transmit for the information of the House, Mr. Justice Sherwood's observations, and copies of a petition from Francis Collins, and of the reply to it, forwarded by my direction.