

No. 73.
Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg,
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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,

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of the Township of Dalhousie in the Bathurst District, having learned with deep and unfeigned Regret that it is your Excellency's Intention to retire from the Government of this Province, beg leave to assure your Excellency that we would deem it a Matter of deep Regret at any Time to lose the Services of a Man who has so uniformly proved himself so able and so promptly willing to devote his great Power and unrivalled Talents to the best Interest of his Country; and at a Time like the present, when we have been threatened with one of the greatest Evils that could possibly, in a political point of view, affect us, we only echo the Sentiments expressed by the Inhabitants of the Province in general, when we state that we look on the Removal of your Excellency from the Head of the Government in the present State of the Province as a Calamity of no small Magnitude.

We admire the noble Feeling which actuated your Excellency when you so cheerfully and so amiably represented our Gracious Sovereign in extending the Royal Clemency so well entrusted to your Charge to the poor deluded Dupes found in Arms against their fair and lawful Sovereign, who had been spurred up and led to Rebellion by the base Artifices of some of the most ungrateful and truly contemptible Traitors whose History has disgraced the Annals of modern Times.

We rejoice with all the good and loyal in the Province that the brave Militia of Upper Canada has, under Divine Providence, been the chief Means of crushing the late unnatural Rebellion, and we admire the Wisdom of your Excellency that trusted the noble Deed to the Loyalty of their Hearts and the Prowess of their Arms. The Alacrity with which every Militia Man flew to Arms at the Call of his Country will convince the World that such a Current of pure Loyalty flows through the vast Forests of Upper Canada as the open or concealed Enemies of the illustrious House of Brunswick *will never be able to stem.*

We have every Confidence that your Excellency will be pleased to represent the Services of the gallant Militia Volunteers in the proper Quarter, and we doubt not but our excellent Government will, in its usual munificent Manner, reward the Services of both Officers and Men; and we trust, that so soon as your Excellency will see that their farther Services at the Time can be dispensed with that you will cause our Townsmen to be restored to the Bosom of their Families, from whence they will again spring like Lions when their Country needs their Aid.

In conclusion, we sincerely hope that every Comfort and Happiness may be the Lot of your Excellency, in your Person and Family, and that you may have a safe and pleasant Passage to your native Land, and be long spared as the faithful Servant of our Sovereign and the unflinching Supporter of the British Constitution.

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.

Sir,

As Commissioners of the Canada Company, a public Body possessing so deep an Interest in the Prosperity of Upper Canada, we beg to assure your Excellency of our sincere Regret at your approaching Retirement from the Government of this Colony.

Our official Duty having of necessity led to frequent Intercourse with your Excellency on the Affairs of the Company, it affords us much Pleasure, previous to your Excellency's Departure from this Country, to tender our Acknowledgments of the unvaried Kindness with which your Excellency has been pleased