

No. 73.
Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg,
20th March 1838.

Enclosures.

We earnestly trust that your Departure from among us will be but temporary; that our Gracious Monarch will be pleased to command a Continuation of your valuable Services; and that you may return among us, exalted and invigorated with renewed Powers.

To the whole of the foregoing Addresses His Excellency returned the following Reply, verbally explaining to the respective Deputations, that feeling it to be his Duty not to write any thing on the Subject of his Retirement from the Government of the Province which could tend to agitate that Question, he had resolved to give but one Answer to whatever valedictory Addresses he might receive:

Gentlemen,

I sincerely thank the Inhabitants of ——— for the very gratifying Expressions respecting my Administration of the Government of this Province which are contained in their Address.

ADDENDA.

The following Addresses from legislative and other public Bodies, had they been received in Time, would have been placed with those of a similar Description at Page 481.

Address delivered by the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Assembly at the Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, previously to the Delivery of the Speech from the Throne.

May it please your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, have granted to our Sovereign Lady the Queen the Supplies necessary to enable Her Majesty to carry on the Civil Government of this Province for the present Year.

Upon looking back at the various important Communications which have been made by your Excellency to the House of Assembly during the present Session, we cannot but congratulate you and the Country upon the firm and noble Attitude assumed by your Excellency in all these public Documents which have emanated from your Excellency.

When we reflect upon the Occurrences that have taken place in Upper Canada and upon its Borders within a few Months past, and upon the distinguished Part taken by your Excellency to maintain the Honour and Interests of our Country during that short but eventful Period, we find equal Cause of Gratulation. Rebellion has been crushed, the Attacks of perfidious Citizens of a Foreign Power have been repelled, and Peace reigns triumphant within the Bounds of your Excellency's Government. We trust that the Provisions of the Militia Law, to which your Excellency has just given the Royal Assent, may, under Divine Providence, contribute to the Preservation of this loyal Portion of the British Empire from the Aggression of all Enemies, whether Foreign or Domestic.

From the Message of your Excellency transmitted to both Houses of the Legislature we have too much Reason to believe, that the present will be the last Time we ever shall have the Honour of meeting your Excellency on an Occasion like the present. In the Name of the People of this Province, I offer to your Excellency the Expression of their deep Regret, that your Excellency should have felt constrained to tender to Her Majesty your Resignation of the Government of this Province, which your Excellency has administered with so much Credit to yourself and Advantage to the Country. The People of Upper Canada will ever retain a grateful Recollection of the Services of your Excellency; and they feel assured your Excellency will meet with a due Reward at the Hands of our youthful and beloved Queen.

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