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statesmen, and I observed in my reply, that it would be my study and anxious endeavour to verify these pleasing anticipations, by manifesting a due regard for the wishes and feelings of the people, and seeking the advice and assistance of those who enjoy their confidence. To this pledge I have constantly adhered in administering the Government, and I cannot wonder that you should approve of a course of conduct which is but the fulfilment of a desire unanimously expressed on that solemn occasion by the citizens of Montreal.

In encouraging to the utmost mechanics' institutes, agricultural associations, and educational establishments, and promoting by all other means in my power the material interests of the province, I have performed a duty most agreeable to myself—inasmuch as I have found in these pursuits the only relief I have ever sought from the more oppressive cares of my situation.

I trust that the sad outrages of which the city of Montreal has been recently the theatre, will not again be renewed, and that harmony will be maintained between the citizens of all classes and parties—and while I deeply lament with you that insults should have been offered to the representative of our Queen, I would fain discover some consolation in the belief that by drawing on myself the storm of popular violence, I may have prevented a yet more dread calamity—the breaking out of strife between those who ought to dwell together as brethren—inhabitants of the same land—subjects of the same Queen—and children of the same Father who is in heaven.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

CORPORATION OF MONTREAL.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL,

TAKE the liberty of approaching your Excellency to express their indignation at the outrage offered to your Excellency by unprincipled men, on the 25th ultimo, when in the exercise of the royal prerogative and the performance of your Excellency's constitutional duties; and the renewal of a similar outrage on the 30th of the same month.

The Council of the city of Montreal pray your Excellency to accept the assurance of their sympathy and respect, and the high regard so justly due to your personal qualities and administration.

The Council of the city of Montreal, as the legitimate organ of its citizens, indignantly disclaim and deeply deplore the misconduct springing out of the ignorance, passion and undutious disregard of individuals which has for the first time in its annals cast a foul stain upon our city.

And to atone as far as may be for the injury done to your Excellency, the City Council beg your Excellency will accept this apologetic expression of their feelings, and the assurance of their unabated attachment to the persons of our most Gracious Sovereign and your Excellency as her fitting representative in this province.

And the Council will never cease to pray for the continued health and happiness of your Excellency.

(Signed) E. R. FABRE, Mayor.

Montreal, May 7, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I THANKFULLY receive the expressions of sympathy and respect which you tender to me. I am confident that there can be but one opinion among men of good sense and right feeling with respect to the outrages committed against the representative of the Queen when engaged in the performance of his duties.

In accepting the apologies which you offer for the indignities which I have sustained personally, I beg further to assure you that I retain no other recollection of them but a desire that the perpetrators and their abettors should be brought to sentiments more befitting the members of a civilized community and the subjects of a constitutional government.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

CANADA BAPTIST UNION.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

As the Executive Committee of the Canada Baptist Union, we hasten to present our loyal and dutiful address, and to testify our indignation at the aggravated insults offered to