

APPENDIX P.

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Dufferin, K.P.,
K.C.B., Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, beg leave anew to tender to you, as Her Majesty's Representative, our expressions of loyalty and regard.

Last year we hailed with satisfaction the appointment to the Government of this Dominion in the person of Your Excellency of a nobleman of eminent intellectual ability and private and public virtue, and in whom with pardonable pride we recognised the descendant of an ancient and illustrious Scottish House.

From the high position which your Excellency had before occupied in public affairs, and your well known literary attainments, we had a right to suppose that we were peculiarly favoured by such an appointment, and to anticipate the happiest results from your administration.

We rejoice now to think, that by general acclaim it is acknowledged that such anticipations have been more than realised, and we earnestly trust that your Excellency may be spared to us to complete the full term of office of the Governor Generals of this Dominion, and that every year under your fostering care it may continue to enjoy the blessings of peace and increasing prosperity. Above all we feel deeply grateful for the happy influence which your own example, and that of Lady Dufferin, have had in advancing those objects which it is our great business to promote, and we assure your Excellency, that it shall be our constant and strenuous endeavour to inculcate that righteousness without which no government can be stable, and no country can be prosperous.

That every spiritual and temporal blessing may ever attend your Excellency is our earnest prayer.

Signed this fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy four years.

J. RANNIE,
Moderator.

J. H. MACKERRAS,
Clerk.