

12th April, 1850

CAPTAIN JONES,

Commanding Queen's Light Dragoons.

SIR,—We, the Clergy, Magistrates, Officers of Militia, and Citizens of Lacolle and Odelltown, have learned, with much regret, that the troops under your command are about to be disbanded.

We cannot permit you to depart without expressing our sense of the regard and high estimation we entertain towards you and the troop under your command. Your urbanity of manners since you came amongst us (now nearly five years) not only as an officer, but the part you have taken as a citizen in largely subscribing to Agricultural purposes in this district and your ever readiness in attending at the bed of sickness when called on, giving your gratuitous advice as Physician and Surgeon, restoring many, with the assistance of the Almighty, to perfect health when almost despaired of by even other physicians; also, your readiness in subscribing to every benevolent and useful purpose—such generosity has not passed our notice, without its due appreciation.

The high state of discipline, appearance, sobriety, and good conduct of the Queen's Light Dragoons, we think could not be surpassed by any Cavalry corps in Her Majesty's service. Such discipline and uniformity of conduct, must, Sir, emanate from the correct knowledge you have of the service, and the care you entertained for the appearance and comfort of the men under your command.

Permit us to request that you will convey to the non-commissioned officers and men of your troop, our best regards and respects, hoping that they will conduct themselves as citizens, with as much propriety of conduct as they have done while soldiers.

Sir, as to yourself and amiable lady, Mrs. Jones, you will please accept our high esteem and regard, and wherever you may settle, and whatever situation you may be placed in, may you enjoy all the comfort and blessings this world can afford.

Signed on behalf of the Clergy, Magistrates, Officers of Militia and Citizens of LaColle and Odelltown, as passed at a meeting convened for that purpose, and on the 8th April, instant, at Mr. Ennis's Hotel, La-Colle Village.

E. MARCH, Chairman.

L. S. MILLER, Secretary.

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On Saturday morning, when Captain Jones left the Lacolle wharf for St. Johns, the Lacolle Volunteer Artillery fired a salute from the wharf,