

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

When your Excellency's expected retirement from the Government of this Province is the subject of such deep and general regret, we, who have been educated at Upper Canada College, but who are now engaged in preparing for our respective avocations in life, cannot but feel it to be our duty to express the sorrow we experience at your Excellency's departure.

If the generality of the inhabitants of this flourishing Province bear testimony to the numerous advantages which your Excellency's paternal administration has conferred on this Colony, and the uniform energy, diligence and perseverance, so signally displayed in all those matters contributing to the public good, with what feelings of gratitude and esteem should we offer our dutiful and sincere attachment to your Excellency for the foundation of an Institution to which we are indebted for the blessings of an education we now so highly appreciate.

Upon your Excellency's assuming the Government of this Province, your attention was happily directed to the then existing state of Education, and discovering not only that the growing wealth and commerce, but also, that the character and genius of its inhabitants, demanded acquirements superior to those which had

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