

No. 34.  
Right Hon.  
C. P. Thomson  
to Lord John Russell.  
November 23, 1839.

Enclosure No. 3:

us from hordes of lawless and unprincipled brigands, who have, on various occasions, invaded these provinces from the neighbouring republic.

We have learned, with heartfelt satisfaction, that the mother country is determined to maintain her authority over this valuable portion of the British empire, and thereby preserve it from the degradation of becoming a state incapable of defending itself, and, as a natural consequence, from becoming a portion of the republican United States of America.

We cannot conceal from your Excellency that, at the present crisis, when Her Majesty's Ministers and the Imperial Parliament have under their consideration measures for the future government of Upper and Lower Canada, we feel the deepest anxiety, but at the same time cherish the hope that your Excellency will not recommend to Her Majesty's Ministers any new principle of government in these provinces at variance with the constitution under which we have hitherto so happily lived; especially that theory of "Responsible Government," broached in Lord Durham's "Report," which, if put in practice, we are fully persuaded, must lead to the separation of these provinces from the British empire, and to the establishing within them of republican institutions.

We beg leave most respectfully to state to your Excellency, that it is with the deepest concern that the loyal and patriotic subjects of Her Majesty in this country have observed the attempts making by a particular class of persons to renew discussions on some political questions that have heretofore produced the most disastrous results, and which it should be the earnest desire of every good man to bury in oblivion. We assure your Excellency that it is the earnest desire of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in Glengarry to support your Excellency in the discharge of your arduous and important duties, to preserve the peace, promote the welfare, and maintain inviolate the connexion of these provinces with the British empire.

(Signed)

ALEX. FRASER, J. P., L. C.  
JOHN M'GILLIVRAY, J. P., L. C.  
ALEX. RO. MARTIN, Sheriff, E. D.  
D. M'DONELL, M. P. P.  
And 664 others.

Glengarry, 18th November, 1839.

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Enclosure No. 4.

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SIR,

ANSWER TO INHABITANTS OF GLENGARRY.

Toronto, 25th November, 1839.

I AM commanded by his Excellency the Governor-General to acknowledge the receipt of the address from the magistrates and other inhabitants of Glengarry, which was presented to his Excellency at Lancaster, on Monday last.

His Excellency desires me to express to yourself and the other gentlemen who have signed this address, his thanks for their congratulations on his arrival in this province. His Excellency is fully persuaded of the deep attachment of the people of Glengarry to the parent state, — an attachment which was proved by the alacrity and gallantry with which, on two recent occasions, they came forward to vindicate the rights and to maintain the authority of the British Crown within these provinces. To maintain that authority, and to draw still closer the ties which unite these provinces to Great Britain, are the first and principal objects of his mission; and his Excellency cheerfully accepts the proffer made to him by the inhabitants of Glengarry of their support in the discharge of the arduous but important duties intrusted to him.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

T. W. C. MURDOCH.

H. M'Gillis, Esq.,  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 5.

To his Excellency the Right Hon. CHARLES POULETT THOMSON, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief, in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

WE, Her Majesty's subjects, inhabitants of Prescott and its vicinity, beg leave respectfully to congratulate your Excellency upon your arrival amongst us, as Her Majesty's representative.

We conceive that the present is a moment fraught with the deepest interest, not only to the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, but to Her Majesty's colonial possessions generally; as on the measures which may be now adopted by Her Majesty's Government depend the prosperity of these colonies, and eventually their connexion with the mother country.

We are well aware, that to reconcile the conflicting feelings and interests of the inhabitants of these provinces is a task that requires the utmost care and indefatigable perseverance, especially at this crisis, when the minds of the population are still unsettled, from the recent attempts made to overthrow British institutions in this country, attempts which were most nobly repelled by the great mass of our loyal yeomanry.

We would, in conclusion, express our wish that your Excellency may be guided by Divine Wisdom in the performance of the arduous duties which devolve upon your Excellency, and that your Excellency's exertions in endeavouring to restore confidence, peace, and tranquillity in this important section of Her Majesty's dominions may be crowned with success.

(Signed)

ROBERT BOYD,  
and 240 other persons.