

1839. spirit of exclusivism which that body and their friends were accustomed to advocate. The answer

able conspiracy against the government; the same rights and privileges with the loyal British population of the Provinces, who have adhered so zealously and faithfully at the risk of their lives and property to their Sovereign and Constitution, would be fatal to the connection of these Provinces with the parent country.

“ Faithful in our allegiance to our Sovereign, and calmly but earnestly determined, as far as depends upon us, the highest municipal body in the Province, to perpetuate the connection with the parent state, your Excellency may confidently rely on our cordial support in whatever measures you may think advisable to adopt, tending to maintain that connection, and to uphold the cherished constitution under which we live, and which we are firmly resolved to the utmost of our power to preserve inviolate and unchanged.

“ (Signed) JOHN POWELL, Mayor.

“ Council Chamber, 18th Nov. 1839.”

*His Excellency's Reply.*

“ Gentlemen,

“ I thank you for your congratulations on my arrival in this Province. I trust that the information which I shall acquire during my stay here may enable me to recommend such measures as may promote the agricultural and commercial interests of this important Province. Among those measures the re-union of Upper and Lower Canada appears to me the most essential, and you have been rightly informed that one principal object of my mission is to determine in what manner it can most safely and most advantageously be carried into effect. That measure is recommended by her Majesty's Government from a deep conviction that it will cement the connection between the colonies and the parent state, which it is the firm determination of her Majesty to maintain inviolate; but to be of permanent advantage, it must be founded upon principles of equal justice to all her Majesty's subjects.

“ For this, and for all other measures having in view the advantage of these Provinces, I shall confidently rely upon the support and co-operation of the people of Upper Canada.”