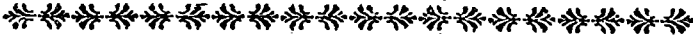


CHESTER has promised me that he will explain to you the reason of it, it is to him therefore I refer to make my apology and to communicate my Answer.

Nothing can flatter me more than to learn from you that my conduct during my Residence in this Province has gained your Friendship by meriting your approbation. Be assured that altho' I go with cheerfulness to the Post assigned me by the *KING* my FATHER, I shall not leave Quebec without real Regret, nor without carrying with me a Remembrance of the marks of Friendship and consideration I have experienced there.

I am exceedingly grateful for the wishes expressed for my future Success and Happiness, permit me to assure you that they are Reciprocal.



TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE EDWARD,  
Knight of the Most Honorable Order of the Garter, and of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick; Major-General of His MAJESTY'S Troops, &c. &c.

*May it please Your Royal Highness,*

THE Roman Catholic Clergy of Quebec, protected by the best of King's, comes to express to your Highness their sorrow for the approaching departure which is about to deprive this Province of the presence of such a good Prince.

Those social virtues which render you the object of public love, the Military activity and vigilance which encrease that so justly merited confidence of the Subjects, procure you a sure title to the gratitude of all; but your kindness is to us a sure one to the confidence that you will approve of our fervent prayers for your Health and the Prosperity of your Arms.

The God of battles, of peace and of Kings, will undoubtedly lend to your Royal Highness his Strength, his Clemency and Wisdom, as the enemies you are going to fight are those of Order and Universal Tranquility; as the cause you are going to defend is that of Kings, that therefore of our Gracious Sovereign your Father, to whom the Catholic Clergy will always esteem it an honor to be inviolably attached and dutiful.

ANSWER of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE EDWARD  
to the ADDRESS of the Roman Catholic Clergy of Quebec.

*Gentlemen,*

LORD DORCHESTER who has been pleased to take upon himself to transmit you my Answer to your obliging Address, will inform you that very particular circumstances have prevented me from receiving it directly from your hands; but at the same time I request that you may be convinced that I am particularly flattered with that mark of your attachment.

I thank you with a truly grateful heart for the prayers you are pleased to offer up to the supreme being that he may grant me his protective hand, and I desire at the same time that you may be convinced that the sentiments of Loyalty and Attachment which you express for the *KING* my FATHER, will never be effaced from my memory.

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