

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JAMES HENRY CRAIG,

Knight of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath. Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Lower-Canada, Upper Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Lower-Canada and Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, and their several Dependencies, and in the Island of Newfoundland, &c. &c. &c.

WE the Inhabitants of the City and District of Quebec, have the honor to present ourselves before your Excellency to express our sincere regret at the approaching departure of your Excellency from this Province.

Your Excellency's constant attention to the various and complicated duties of His Majesty's Government in this Province, and your paternal solicitude to promote the prosperity and happiness of every class of its inhabitants, have distinguished the short period of your Excellency's administration by a multitude of Acts, whereby our common condition has been in every respect ameliorated, while, in private life, by your Excellency's numerous acts of extensive benevolence, the condition of individuals has been equally benefited and happiness abundantly promoted.

The hour of separation between the Ruler and the governed is ever the hour of truth, and commands the confidence of all, being free from every suspicion of interested motives; we do not therefore hesitate to express our highest respect and admiration of the superior talents, the energy, impartiality and integrity of conduct by which your Excellency's administration has been uniformly and eminently distinguished.

To the sincerest gratitude for the protection, the tranquility, the prosperity and happiness which we have enjoyed under that administration, to deep regret for the departure of your Excellency, and to heartfelt wishes for the reestablishment of your Excellency's health, and all that can constitute or increase your happiness, we beg permission to add, our fervent hopes that your Excellency may reach England in safety; and, in the approbation of our revered Sovereign, receive the recompence of a life profitably spent in the maintenance of the glory and the advancement of the best interest of his Majesty's Empire.

We respectfully take leave of your Excellency.