

be called upon to take a similar View of your Excellency's Administration of the Government of this Province, Her Majesty will find no Difficulty in awarding to you a full Measure of Her Royal Approbation.

And now, on the Eve of your Excellency's Departure, we humbly beg leave to tender our warmest Acknowledgments for the many Benefits you have conferred upon ourselves and the Province at large; and in taking Leave permit us to express our ardent Wishes for the Happiness and Welfare of yourself and amiable Family, and in doing so we most respectfully bid your Excellency farewell.

No. 73.
Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg,
20th March 1838.
Enclosures.

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Inhabitants of Bytown and Vicinity, beg leave to express our most unfeigned Sorrow to learn that your Excellency has considered it necessary to resign the Government of Upper Canada.

Unacquainted with the Reasons which moved your Excellency to take such a Step, we can only deplore the Policy which divests the local Government of a necessary Power, thus causing Changes of Rulers, prejudicial alike to the Interests of the Colony and the Mother Country.

We have seen with Admiration the Energy and Activity which your Excellency has exerted to ascertain and secure our best Interests during your short Administration, which, under Providence, have saved us from the Horrors of a Civil War; and we therefore the more deeply grieve that we should be deprived of your Excellency's valuable Services at this delicate and difficult Crisis.

We humbly request that your Excellency will be pleased to lay these our Sentiments at the Foot of the Throne.

Amherstburg, Western District, 22d January 1838.

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

An appalling Rumour having most unexpectedly reached this remote Quarter of the Province that your Excellency has either been recalled by the Home Government, or that you have deemed it expedient to tender your Resignation,

We, as a small but anxious Portion of the grateful Population of a Province which has twice owed its Salvation to the wise, prompt, and energetic Measures adopted by your Excellency in its Behalf, most respectfully beg Permission, in so unlooked for a Dilemma, to be put in possession by your Excellency of such Information as will either set our Fears at rest, or, by placing this astounding Intelligence beyond a Doubt, enable us, in common with the rest of the Inhabitants of Upper Canada, to take such immediate Steps as may be deemed most likely to avert the most deadly Blow that could at the present eventful Crisis be struck at either the energetic patriotic Exertions or the rapidly reviving Prosperity of the Province.

Withholding the further Expression of our Opinions until favoured with your Excellency's Acknowledgment of this Address,

We have the Honour to remain, with that devoted Respect and Admiration which must ever be due to the Saviour of a Country, your Excellency's most obedient and most humble Servants.