

Amendment proposed  
by Mr. Neilson, to  
address in answer to  
speech

speedy and regular conveyance of letters within the Province has been effected under your Excellency's direction. And we shall hail with satisfaction any improvements in the Department of the Post Office which will put us in a condition, in that respect, equal to that which exists in the Mother Country.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that any message from your Excellency on matters which may be of deep importance to the future welfare of the Province, will receive our most serious attention.

The improvements of the navigation and establishment of internal communications are objects essential to the general prosperity; and we feel grateful for the information which your Excellency has communicated, that Her Majesty's Government is disposed to assist in promoting them. When your Excellency shall be pleased to lay before us despatches which convey this assurance, the whole of these subjects will receive our most respectful consideration.

We will also give our earnest consideration to the subject of Emigration, and the disposal and settlement of the Public Lands, as connected with the outlay of capital upon public works; and we derive satisfaction from the information communicated by your Excellency, that Her Majesty's Government is disposed to assist Emigrants in proceeding to those parts of the Province where their labor may be made available. Any judicious measure which may seem calculated to alleviate the sufferings of our fellow-subjects in the United Kingdom, who leave their home with a view of bettering their condition in this Province, will be readily concurred in by us.

We particularly thank your Excellency for your expressions in favor of local self-government, and that the people should exercise a greater degree of power over their local affairs. When the measure may come under our consideration, we shall not fail to respect the prerogative of the Crown, while we endeavor to secure the independent and impartial administration of justice.

We concur entirely with your Excellency in the importance of affording every facility for a general Education of the people. While we are ever ready to respect the rights of all to the equal enjoyment of the blessings of instruction, we trust that our labours, for the ends for which we have your Excellency's proffered co-operation, will eventually prove successful.

It is our peculiar duty to bestow the most serious attention on the public accounts, and the estimates for the public services, to be submitted to us by your Excellency, and also on any financial measures which your Excellency may lay before us affecting the revenue levied in this Province, or which may in any way tend to impose burthens on our constituents.

Your Excellency may be assured that in discharge of our duties to Her Majesty and our constituents, it will be our constant endeavor that all our proceedings should be characterized by wisdom and prudence. In conformity to our obligations as subjects of the British Crown, and bound to fidelity by the most sacred ties, we have assembled in obedience to an Act of the Imperial Parliament and Her Majesty's writs, to advise and consent to such laws as may be deemed necessary for the peace, welfare, and good government of *Canada*: although we cannot but regret that the most populous portion of the Province heretofore constituted under the Act of Parliament of 1791, as the Province of *Lower Canada*, has not been consulted on the Constitution of the Government which is now substituted for that which prevailed under the said Act; and there are features in the Act now constituting the Government of *Canada*, which are inconsistent with justice, and the common rights of British subjects.