

L E T T E R S

ADDRESSED TO HIS EXCELLENCY

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Governor General of B. N. America, &c.

LETTER I.

SIR,—Should I meet the King in battle I would cleave him down just as soon as any other man. These words were spoken by Oliver Cromwell at a time when the divine right of Kings to tyrannize over their subjects was acknowledged, and his auditory positively stood aghast. They deemed that language perfectly impious. Imitating him, though at a very exceedingly humble distance certainly, I, at the risk of being charged with sacrilege, dare to write to the Governor General as I should to any other man. Cromwell subsequently dealt rather unceremoniously with the Lord's anointed; but the manhood, the good taste and gratitude of the present age have accorded a niche to the great Englishman. So a time will assuredly come when the steps which I am taking, and shall take, will be looked upon with favor.