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Estates, their Fortunes, and their property; a Law which the right of Nations assures to them; which the Capitulation has promised to them; which a Proclamation has solemnly ratified; and which an Act of His Majesty's August Parliament passed in the fourteenth year of His benign reign has affirmed and warranted to us; When His Most Gracious Majesty condescends to cast an Eye upon this extensive Country, inhabited by a people, desirous of preserving it to him, and then compares the number of persons who are so faithfully attached to him, their Estates and Possessions (whereof the fundamental principles are attempted to be Subverted) with the fewness of antient Subjects, and their so little property; Have we not to hope that our most Gracious Sovereign will further strengthen, and render still more durable the constitutional and Municipal Laws of His faithfull and Loyal Subjects of Canada?

We request Your Lordship's attention to the two Addresses heretofore sent to be presented at the foot of His Majesty's sacred Throne, whereof we have the honour to transmit Copies to You; to consider them as the unanimous and immutable wish of this Nation, and by your noble Interposition, that our most Gracious Sovereign will deign to refer to them.

We hope Your Excellency will disregard those demands of a House of Assembly, a Charter of Incorporation (whereof the design leads nearly to the same end) a Registry of Deeds, Store houses, public markets for Corn, &c; of a Commerce with Vermont, of Innovations with regard to Dower, Hypothecations &c; These points are clearly enough explained in our own Law: All which only tends to strike at the foundation of it, and appearing to us repugnant and hurtful to the Interests of the Province. Every other article of those Demands which does not relate to Commerce *alone*, merits a disavowal on your part, as being contrary to the Welfare, the Interests, the Rights and Priviledges (the most sacred) of the different Estates whereof this Province is composed; and for whom, without condescending to consult them, Laws are to be imposed, the burthen of which will fall on them *only*.

We presume to flatter ourselves that Your Lordship will improve our opposition wherever it shall be found necessary that you will support it with all your influence. Your knowledge of the people of this province, enables Your Lordship, preferably to all others, to draw up a faithful and exact report (with that integrity and impartiality which have, at all times Characterised Your Excellency) of the true sentiments of our Nation; and to point out that distinction which ought to be observed between the futility of the Demand and the real Rights of the Opponents.