

discharge your duty as Her Majesty's representative in Canada.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that we feel the utmost confidence in the integrity and ability of Your Excellency and of Your Excellency's present advisers, and we feel also certain that a very large majority of the inhabitants of the country view with abhorrence the late disorderly and revolutionary attacks upon the constituted authorities of the land.

We beg to suggest to the consideration of Your Excellency the propriety of removing the Government from a city where it is evident that the public records are no longer in safety—the head of the Government is daily insulted—the personal security of our representatives is endangered and the freedom of opinion and deliberation is destroyed.

That Your Excellency may long continue to reside among us, and, unawed by faction, to administer the Government of Canada with the decision and impartiality which have hitherto characterized Your Excellency's administration, is our most ardent prayer.

County of Leeds, May 2, 1849.

The members of the deputation that went to Montreal with the address were Joseph Wilsie, Wellington Landon, John Kincaid, H. Alguire, W. H. Giles, Joshua Bates, J. J. McIntosh, T. P. Kenyon, Ira Mallory, N. Shipman, Frederick Jones, Yonge; Patrick Murray, M. M. Howard, John G. Booth, J. W. Hough, Edward Howard, John Ketchum, Palmer Lee, John Booth, Liberty Watrous, James Row, Trulove Manhard, P. Mott, R. Coleman, jr., Wm. Olds, James Olds, Elizabethtown; Wyatt Chamberlain, Abial Marshall, Kitley; Jesse Delong, James Kennedy, Gershom Wing, South Crosby; A. A. Chamberlain, Walter H. Denaut, Philo Hicock, H. S. Davidson, Bastard; Elisha Landon, Wm. Middle, Emsley; Stephen McEathron, E. A. Cameron, John Denny, North Crosby; James Brooker, A. C. Booth, Escott; William Buell, John Cowan, L. Houghton, Wm. H. Ellerbeck, W. H. Wilson, S. Skinner, R. Geddes, Wm. Matthie, George Morton, Warren Botsford, Brockville; A. R. Howard, Lansdowne.

The Governor-General's reply was as follows:

Gentlemen,—It is truly gratifying to me that the loyal and intelligent inhabitants of the county of Leeds should come forward in such large numbers and with such generous enthusiasm to express their confidence in my administration of the Government, their disapprobation of the outrages lately committed at Montreal, and their determination to support by every means in their power my endeavors to discharge my duty as Her Majesty's representative in Canada.

It were indeed much to be regretted if it should be found necessary to change the seat of Government for reasons such as you have assigned.

So long as I am honored by the confidence of Our Gracious Queen and permitted to administer the Government with entire justice and impartiality, I shall esteem it a high privilege to be the Governor of Canada, but I feel that on any other conditions my sojourn among you would be neither creditable to myself nor profitable to you.

(Sgd.), Elgin and Kincardine.

"After reading his reply His Excellency addressed the deputation in most eloquent and patriotic sentiments. From the sparkling of his bright eye and the expression of his intelligent and benevolent countenance, every true Canadian present felt that the Earl of Elgin was a man of warm and generous emotions; at the same time they received the impression that he was not the man to be intimidated by a mob; they also felt assured that His Excellency's whole heart was in the cause of Canada. His Excellency said that he could not find words to express his feelings to the deputation for the enthusiastic manner in which they had presented themselves—that he felt convinced they had done so at great sacrifice of time and trouble, but they and their posterity would, he trusted, reap the advantage of their present effort to sustain constitutional Government. He said further that neither insult nor menace would ever deter him from doing his duty to Canada."

MAY 24, 1849.

In the issue of the Recorder for this date there is given the full text of the Rebellion Losses Bill, providing for the indemnification of parties whose property was destroyed in the