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That whatever portion of the American trade we may regain to the original and natural channel of the St. Lawrence will tend to cheapen the tolls for the products of your Majesty's subjects within this province, and tend to promote the general interests. That it will in no way interfere with the shipping interest or commerce of the mother country, or any of her colonies, as it will only have a tendency to divert the American transit, from New York and their canals to their ports bordering on Lake Erie, through the waters and canals now constructing within this province.

We therefore pray your Majesty will be pleased to call the attention of the Imperial Legislature at an early period to the subject-matter of this Address.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
2 March 1837. }

(signed) J. B. Robinson, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly, }
2 March 1837. }

(signed) Arch^d M^r Lean, Speaker.

— No. 3. —

Upper Canada,
Toronto, 4 March 1837.

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship, in compliance with the request of the House of Assembly, the accompanying Address of that House to the King, praying that the island of Montreal may be annexed to Upper Canada.

I have, &c.

The Lord Glenelg.

(signed) F. B. Head.

Enclosures in No. 3.

(No. 1.)

To his Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, 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, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to inform your Excellency that we have passed two Addresses to His Majesty on the subject of the annexation of the island of Montreal to this province, and on the subject of the reduction of certain duties on exports from this province to the United Kingdom, and on the commercial relations with the United States, and humbly request that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the said Addresses to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be by him laid at the foot of the Throne.

Commons House of Assembly, }
3 March 1837. }

(signed) Arch^d M^r Lean, Speaker.

(No. 2.)

To The KING'S Most Excellent MAJESTY.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave most respectfully to represent to your Majesty, that the establishment in the year 1791 of the boundary between the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, by bringing the line about 30 miles above any sea-port on the St. Lawrence, and thereby fixing the limit of the province so remote from the ocean, displayed a deficiency of information as to the geographical position of the country, inasmuch as it passed by a natural and obvious boundary, and seems to have entirely overlooked the probable future increase of population, commerce, wealth and importance of this part of the then province of Quebec.

That, as the boundary line now exists, your Majesty's subjects residing within this province labour under great disadvantages, which bear with unjust severity on their trade and intercourse, because their staves, lumber, flour, beef, pork, pot and pearl ashes, and every exportable article, are subject to inspection, and their packages to be altered and repaired.