

conduct, and the exertions of our brave defenders, we in this Colony, by the blessing of God, may long remain under the protection of our Parent State a free, brave, and loyal People.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer :
To the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of the Town of York.

GENTLEMEN,
I am highly sensible of your sincere

thanks and acknowledgements for the attention which you consider me to have evinced to the welfare and preservation of this valuable Province.

Not only my duty, but also the express Commands of his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, govern my conduct, in regulating and improving those objects which excite your approbation, and in expressing the high respect I entertain of the gallant and patriotic behaviour of your Militia, I

express the Sentiments of your Sovereign, and your fellow subjects throughout his Majesty's empire, who admire and applaud the exertions of a free, brave and loyal people, manfully contending to preserve for themselves and their children the fostering protection of a virtuous, wise and powerful State.
Goverment House York Upper

Canada, March 3d, 1812.