

## MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for Your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We learn with much satisfaction that, in conformity with the announcement which Your Excellency made to us at the end of the last Session of Parliament, a Deputation from the Canadian Ministry proceeded to *London* to confer with Her Majesty's Government on questions of importance to the Province.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for having called us together at the earliest convenient moment after the return of the Deputation, in order that we may receive the report of their mission, and complete the important business which, at the conclusion of the last Session, was left unfinished.

We thank Your Excellency for having directed that the correspondence referring to the mission to *England* shall be communicated to us for our consideration.

We share with Your Excellency the belief, that the happy termination of the Civil War, which has for the last four years prevailed in the *United States of America*, cannot fail to exercise a beneficial influence on the commercial and industrial interests of this Province; and we trust, with Your Excellency, that the re-establishment of peace will lead to a constantly increasing development of friendly relations between our people and the citizens of the great Republic.

We receive with great pleasure the announcement, that the circumstances which rendered it necessary to place a portion of the Volunteer Militia of the Province on permanent duty, having ceased to exist, the force has been re-called; and the expression of Your Excellency's feeling of satisfaction at the readiness with which the men responded to the call of duty, and the general good conduct which they exhibited during the period of their service.

We thank Your Excellency for having directed that the Estimates for the current year, and the statement of the expenditure which has been incurred, chargeable against the Vote of Credit of last Session, shall be laid before us. And we feel assured that we shall find, with reference to both, that economy has been combined with a due regard to efficiency.

We learn with pleasure, that Your Excellency has transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty, the Addresses to which we agreed during the last Session, in favor of a Federal Union of the Colonies of *British North America*.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance, that the reply of the Secretary of State shall be communicated to us; and we trust, with Your Excellency, that mature examination of the project will, ere long, induce the Legislatures of the other Provinces to concur with us in giving their sanction to a measure which has been adopted as a great feature of Imperial policy, and has been twice noticed with approbation in Her Majesty's Speeches from the Throne.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province, do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, to know His Excellency's pleasure, when he will be attended by this House with its Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Brown*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, two Messages from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as follow:—

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The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, Copies of a Correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relating to the