

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

CASTLE ST. LEWIS,  
Quebec, 4th August, 1840.

SIR,—On my return from Halifax I found your letter of the 10th ultimo, enclosing the Address to the Governor General from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Having laid that Address before His Excellency, I am commanded to express his thanks to the Synod for their congratulations on his appointment, and for their good wishes on his behalf. Well assured of the loyalty of the Presbyterian population of Canada, and of their attachment to the Mother Country, His

Excellency feels convinced that they will ever co-operate with him in preserving peace and good order in this portion of Her Majesty's dominions, and they may rely on his utmost exertions in favour of whatever measures may tend to promote their welfare.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, your obed't servant,

T. W. C. MURDOCH,

Chief Secretary.

The REV. A. GALE,  
Hamilton, Upper Canada.

## ADDRESS TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

*To His Excellency Sir GEORGE ARTHUR, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding Her Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, embrace this opportunity at our annual meeting, of tendering to Your Excellency this expression of the sentiments of esteem and respect which we entertain for Your Excellency's person and government.

In the discharge of our arduous duties, in divers parts of the Province, it has always been a matter of sincere consolation to us, that Her Majesty had an officer like Your Excellency, at the head of the Government, indefatigable in promoting the development of the natural resources of this Province, and the advancement of pure and undefiled religion among the people.

Our hearts bear us witness, that it is our earnest desire to preserve and perpetuate among the people

committed to our superintendence, the loyal and religious character of their fathers and brethren on the other side of the Atlantic, and we can assure Your Excellency, that we have felt our anxieties on this head, much lightened, by the countenance given by Your Excellency, both in public and private, to all that is excellent and of good report.

That Almighty God, by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, may bless Your Excellency's person, family and Government, is our fervent prayer.

In name, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and in their presence at Toronto, Upper Canada, this seventh day of July, 1840.

(Signed) HUGH URQUHART,  
Moderator.

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Toronto, 5th July, 1840.

GENTLEMEN,—I feel much gratified by the sentiments of esteem and respect which you have expressed towards myself, and very highly appreciate the blessing you invoke upon my family.

Most confidently do I believe that it has been your earnest desire to preserve and perpetuate among the people committed to your superintendence, the loyal

and religious character of their fathers and brothers on the other side of the Atlantic; and I receive with lively gratification the assurance that your anxieties have been lightened in the prosecution of your religious and patriotic labours during my administration of this government.

The Ministers and Elders  
Of the Synod of Canada.