

grateful to Mr. Norris. In future, we expect, the organs will not mention that gentleman without applauding the service he rendered to Mr. Cartier and Canadians generally. If the *European Times* may be believed, every Canadian who may in future have the honor of dining with the Queen, is bound to remember that he is indebted to the abused Mr. Norris for a passport to the affections of our gracious Sovereign.

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REPLY OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DOWNING STREET, 11th Sept., 1858.

SIR,—I cannot but regret that the petition from the Citizens of Toronto and Inhabitants of Canada generally, which I had the honor to receive from you, was not transmitted according to usage, through the Governor of the Province. But as the time in which it was necessary that the petition should receive an answer would not allow of my consulting the Local Government on the subject of it, and considering the eminence of the names attached to it, I have deemed it my duty to lay the petition before the Queen, who has been pleased to receive it very graciously, and I am commanded by Her Majesty to state that, while under the necessity of declining the request that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales or some other Member of Her Majesty's Family should proceed to Canada with the view of opening the Crystal Palace at Toronto, which is to be completed about the first of October, Her Majesty appreciates the loyalty to the Crown and the attachment to Her person and family which prompted the wish of the petitioners. I have also to add the expression of Her Majesty's sincere good wishes for the success of the Exhibition itself, which Her Majesty trusts will produce important and useful results to Canada.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signed.] EDWARD BULWER LYTTON.

To J. G. NORRIS, Esq., Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

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