

May it, also, be permitted to us to represent to Your Royal Highness, that the failure of several successive harvests, in this Province, has occasioned a considerable rise in the price of grain and other articles of consumption. The levy *en masse* of the Militia, last Autumn, in one of our most fertile Districts, has prevented the complete tilling of the soil and as the present position of the enemy, on our frontiers, indicates his intention of making an attempt early next spring, to penetrate into the Province, it is to be apprehended, that the levy *en masse* of the Militia, in the same District (should a recourse to such a measure be again unhappily compelled, for contributing towards the repression of his audacity,) may prevent the sowing of the grain from being completely effected throughout that District, whence famine will inevitably ensue.

May it be permitted to us to testify to Your Royal Highness, our approbation of the wise and enlightened manner in which His Excellency SIR GEORGE PREVOST governs this Province. The benefits of his administration we shall ever remember, and gratefully acknowledge. Notwithstanding the refusal of this House, at the epoch of the declaration of War, to continue the temporary Law, for suspending the *Habeas Corpus* Act, which the preceding administrations had obtained, and which, by the last administration was abused; His Excellency SIR GEORGE PREVOST did not appear to apprehend any disturbance of the internal tranquillity of the Province, and we assure Your Royal Highness, that we know not a solitary instance, in which that Law might have been necessary in this Province. When the enemy appeared in force on our frontiers, His Excellency SIR GEORGE PREVOST afforded to His Majesty's Canadian Subjects a new opportunity of evincing their inviolable attachment to their Sovereign, and of vindicating themselves from those false accusations, to which it had been attempted under the late administration, to give the colour of truth, by Acts of arbitrary authority. His Excellency SIR GEORGE PREVOST, too just and too enlightened to adopt a similar policy, felt, on assuming the reins of the Colonial Government, that the surest method of defending the Country, was to be found in the good will of its Inhabitants; and applying himself to the acquisition of their confidence, by deserving it through his acts of justice, he has irresistibly attracted their affection, and has given occasion to the full and energetic development of the internal resources of the Province, against the attacks of its Enemies.

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