

## TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR ROBERT SHORE MILNES, *Baronet,*  
*Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Lower Canada &c.*  
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Representatives of the Province of *Lower Canada* in Provincial Parliament met, beg leave to return our humble thanks to your Excellency for your gracious Speech and for the official notice you have been pleased to give us of the ratification of peace, feeling ourselves happy on an event, in which we most sensibly participate, we beg your Excellency to accept our congratulations on the occasion.

When we reflect on the happy situation of this Province we cannot express the satisfaction we feel; and deeply impressed with the most sincere affection to the Parent State for its fostering kindness We entertain the most lively sentiments of gratitude to the protecting hand of Providence, in seeing that ample source, from which we have derived so many benefits, rise and extend itself under circumstances by which it has heretofore been found to be restricted and depressed, When to the inestimable blessings of peace we see added the diffusive advantages of a still increasing commerce, some diminution of which might well have been compensated by the termination of those sanguinary contests which have so long harrassed the world and the re-establishment of general tranquillity.

The insufficiency and insecurity of the Gaols and the want of Houses of Correction in the Districts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, on which subject