

the labour of the Immigrant on his first arrival; and we gratefully acknowledge the benign intentions of Her Majesty's Government, to assist in facilitating the passage of the Immigrant from the port at which he is landed to the place where his labour may be made available, by proposing to the Imperial Parliament a vote of money for this purpose.

We concur with your Excellency in the opinion, that it is highly desirable that the principles of local self-government, which already prevail to some extent throughout that part of the Province which was formerly Upper Canada, should receive a more extended application there, and that the people should exercise a greater degree of power over their local affairs. We will consider with the most earnest attention any measures which your Excellency may be pleased to lay before us for the establishment of a form of local self Government for those Districts of the Province now unprovided with it, as may ensure satisfaction to the people, while it retains inviolate the prerogative of the Crown, and maintains the administration of justice, pure from party and popular excitement.

We are peculiarly sensible of the necessity for a due provision for the education of the people, the want of which in this Province is grievously felt. We feel the establishment of an efficient system, by which the blessings of instruction may be placed within the reach of all, to be a work of difficulty; but that its overwhelming importance demands that it should be undertaken. We assure your Excellency that we shall give this subject our best attention. We humbly thank your Excellency for your Excellency's offer to afford us your Excellency's co-operation in our labours; and we trust, that if it should be found impossible so to reconcile conflicting opinions as to obtain a measure which may meet the approbation of all, that at least steps may be taken by which an advance to a more perfect system may be made; and the difficulty under which the people of this Province now labour may be greatly diminished, subject to such improvements hereafter as time and experience may point out.

We most cordially thank your Excellency, for your Excellency's confidence in the prudence and wisdom of the Legislature, for the regulation of the different important matters which must necessarily come before them.— We think with your Excellency, that united Canada, with a Constitution which the Imperial

Legislature has framed with an earnest desire for the welfare of this portion of the British Empire, cannot fail to prosper under prudent and sage counsels. The generous aid announced by your Excellency; the determination which your Excellency states on the part of Her Majesty's Government to devote annually a large sum for the military defences of the Province; the fixed and settled determination which your Excellency, by the Queen's command, declares that Her North American Possessions shall be maintained at all hazards as part of Her Empire, we gratefully receive as pledges of the sincerity with which the Mother Country desires to promote the prosperity of Canada, and to assist in the well working of the new Institutions which it has established.

It is most gratifying to us to be assured by your Excellency, that the eyes of England are anxiously fixed on this great Experiment; and that should it succeed the aid of Parliament in provincial undertakings; the confidence of British Capitalists in the credit this Province may require from them; the security which the British people will feel in seeking our shores and establishing themselves upon our fertile soil, may carry improvement to an unexampled height. The rapid advance of trade and immigration within the last eighteen months afford us ample evidence of the effects of tranquillity, in restoring confidence and promoting prosperity; and we most fervently and thankfully unite with your Excellency in the patriotic wish, that no dissensions may mar the flattering prospect which is open before this Country; and that the efforts of the Legislature may be steadily directed to the great practical improvements of which this Province stands so much in need; and that under the blessing of that Divine Providence which has hitherto preserved this portion of the British Dominions, the Counsels of this Parliament may be so guided as to ensure to the Queen attached and loyal subjects, and to united Canada a prosperous and contented people.

*Ordered*, that a Select Committee be appointed to wait upon the Governor General, to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with the foregoing Address; and,

*Ordered*, that the Honourable Messieurs *Morris* and *Quesnel*, do compose the same for that purpose.

The Honourable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a petition from *George Rykert*, and others, *Inhabitants*

A select Committee appointed to know when his Excellency would receive the House with the same.

Petitions from George Rykert, and others, for establishing a Bank at St. Catharines.