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Address of the Legislative Council of Upper-Canada to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in Answer to his Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Legislature; delivered on the 2d February, 1803.

To His Excellency PETER HUNTER, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper-Canada, and Lieutenant General, Commanding His Majesty's Forces in Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of Upper-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our most respectful thanks for the great attention shewn by your Excellency to our private convenience, by calling us together at this least busy season of the year.

We are too sensible how very essential a state of tranquillity is to the prosperity of this Province, not to rejoice with your Excellency at the restoration of Peace, and to pray most ardently for its continuance; for, animated by this hope, we anxiously look forward to the happy day, when the abundant products of a most fertile soil and genial climate, with the consequent increase of commerce, shall enable Upper-Canada, through the favor of Providence, to provide, for the internal expence of its government by its own revenues.

Your Excellency has made us happy, by the information, that our trade with the United States, begins to open a prospect of an increase of that branch of the revenue depending upon it; and we shall not fail to use our best endeavors, to add such further regulations and provisions to the law, by which duties were imposed on merchandizes imported from thence, as may ensure to the Province every advantage it has a right to expect from them; nor shall our efforts be wanting most cordially to co-operate with the other branches of the Legislature, in adapting such amendments to all our other Provincial revenue laws, as may most efficiently guard against evasion and fraud, and effectually enforce a full and due obedience to them.

The measures which your Excellency has taken for notifying to the public the times and places when and where the Commissioners for ascertaining and securing titles to land, will attend for the final accomplishment of that important business, strongly evince how much your Excellency has the welfare of this Province at heart, and call for

our most grateful acknowledgements. And we are happy in the opinion your Excellency is pleased to express, that the giving energy to the King's government, and promoting the happiness of His people, will employ our utmost assiduity and exertion, and be the ultimate objects of all our deliberations.

By Order of the House,

[Signed] H. ALLCOCK, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
York, January 31st. 1803. }

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following REPLY:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the  
Legislative Council,

ACCEPT my thanks for this dutiful and loyal address. Your assurances of concurrence in every necessary amendment of our laws, cannot but be highly pleasing to me; and I regard your declarations, that the giving energy to His Majesty's government, and the promotion of the happiness of His subjects, will principally engage your future deliberations, as so many proofs of your sincere attachment to His Majesty and his family; and of your anxious concern for the welfare of His people.

ADDRESS of the House of Assembly of Upper-Canada to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Excellency's speech at the opening of the Legislature; delivered on the 29th January, 1803.

To His Excellency PETER HUNTER, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper-Canada, and Lieutenant General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in Upper and Lower-Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the Province of Upper-Canada, in Parliament assembled, return you our thanks for your Excellency's Speech, and for your consideration in calling us together at a season of the year, when our attendance upon our public duty will least interfere with our private concerns.

We sincerely rejoice with your Excellency, in the termination of hostilities between the other belligerent powers of Europe and our mother country; and we fervently hope, that the treaty of peace, of which your Excellency has had official information, may be a lasting one; by which means, we may continue to enjoy in tranquillity