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# ADDRESS

TO THE

## GOVERNOR GENERAL.

TO His Excellency The Right Honourable The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Kt. Governor General of British North America and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Island of Prince Edward and Vice Admiral of the same &c. &c. &c.

*May it please Your Excellency :*

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Inhabitants of the County of Oxford, in the Province of Canada, beg leave respectfully to approach Your Excellency and to present the renewed assurance of our unwavering attachment to Her Majesty's throne and person, as well as our full confidence in, and entire approval of, Your Excellency's administration of the Government of this Province.

While we join with Your Excellency in deploring the disgraceful scenes lately exhibited at the seat of Government, and the irreparable injury inflicted upon the Country in the destruction of the Library and the Public Records, we hereby pledge our fortunes, our lives and our sacred honor, to stand by Your Excellency in all your efforts to maintain good order, and to support the majesty of our Country's laws.

We fear that, in the late lamentable events, we discover evidence of a design to injure the reputation of Your Excellency's Government both in the opinion of the people of this Country, and of Her Majesty's Government and people of Britain, in order to defeat, if possible, the several wise and just measures which Your Excellency's Government has submitted to Parliament during the present session. In Canada, we do not fear to predict that such design will be frustrated; as this is not the first time the same party have, by creating a panic and filling the country with ungrounded alarm, aimed to accomplish objects which they were too weak to effect by the legitimate means secured to them by the Constitution. And we trust that Her Majesty's Government are too well aware that it is always in the power of a Minority, however contemptible, both to get up a riot, and to fill party newspapers with seditious libels, to be in any danger of mistaking these turbulent proceedings, for the calm expression of public opinion.

We humbly and earnestly pray the great Ruler of the Universe to give to Your Excellency that courage and strength that shall enable you calmly, but determinately, to resist every encroachment upon Her Majesty's prerogative or the liberties of the country, and to persevere in the wise and enlightened course which has hitherto distinguished Your Excellency's Government in Canada, and we remain,

May it please your Excellency,

Your Excellency's most humble and most obedient Servants.

FRIENDS OF ORDER AND GOOD GOVERNMENT,

**DO YOUR DUTY!!**