

APPENDIX L.

Unto His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles Stanley, Viscount Monck, Governor General of British North America, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, embrace the opportunity of our Annual Meeting of Synod, to renew the expression of our devoted loyalty to our beloved Sovereign, and of our dutiful respect to your Excellency—Her Representative in this Province.

Whilst as office-bearers of a branch of the Christian Church, it is our first care to attend to the spiritual wants of our own adherents, we cannot fail also to take a deep interest in the general progress of religion : and we heartily rejoice in the furtherance of whatever tends to promote the influence of truth and righteousness, and to advance the material and social prosperity of this important Province of the British Empire.

It must be satisfactory to your Excellency, as it is to us, that the depression, which, for some time past, had rested on certain leading material interests of this Province, has in a great measure disappeared : and that, through the blessing of a kind Providence, a bright prospect is again opened up for those engaged in industrial pursuits.

We have been no indifferent spectators of the unexpected events which, within the last few days, have so deeply stirred the public mind, and called forth a righteous indignation in the breasts of all Her Majesty's loyal subjects, against the hordes of lawless and desperate men who have sought to visit our land with all the horrors of a most wanton and wicked invasion.

We congratulate your Excellency on the spirit which has been everywhere evoked, among the people of this Province, of the most determined and uncompromising resistance to the criminal attempts thus made by foreign bands of marauders to pollute our soil, and to subvert our liberties. And it is with peculiar satisfaction that we have witnessed the alacrity with which our noble Volunteers have responded to the call of your Excellency, and the gallantry and enthusiasm with which they have sprung forward to take their part, along with Her Majesty's Regular Forces, in defending our soil, and repelling the assaults of the ruthless invaders.

We mourn the loss of those intrepid men who have fallen in our defence, and whose names are so justly entitled to a place in the roll of the honoured dead : we sympathize with their bereaved relatives and friends : and we would lift our prayer unto Him "to whom the shields of the earth belong," that in this emergency He would bless your Excellency's counsels for the national defence, and crown with success the efforts that may still be required to roll back the tide of battle from our borders : so that, with the additional blessing of profound peace, we may have fresh cause to render thanks to Almighty God for the many mercies we enjoy in this highly favoured land.

We take the liberty of enclosing a loyal and dutiful Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which we respectfully request that your Excellency may be pleased to transmit, with a view to its being laid at the foot of the Throne.

That abundant temporal and spiritual blessings may rest upon your Excellency, on Lady Monck, and on the other members of your family, is our earnest prayer.

Signed, in name and by appointment of the Synod, at Toronto, this Twelfth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six Years.

WILLIAM SNODGRASS,
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