

ment; as, likewise, in our determination to give our hearty support to law and order under all circumstances, and especially in opposition to all attempts at intimidation, by force and violence, proceed from what quarter they may.

We have, &c.,

[Here follow 213 Signatures.]

Prescott, April 30, 1849.

ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

I RECEIVE with very sincere gratification your loyal and patriotic Address. I lament with you the excesses which have occurred in the city of Montreal, and their still more disastrous consequence the interruption of trade and the shock given to credit. Let all good men, whatever be their minor differences, unite as you have done to support the cause of order and constitutional government, and these evils will speedily be repaired. Let peace and prosperity be established in Canada, and the indignities which I have personally undergone will at once be effaced from my recollection.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Montreal,

May 5, 1849.

(Received May 22, 1849.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, a Petition to the Queen, from certain inhabitants of the city of Kingston, against the Bill for the indemnification of persons in Lower Canada, whose property was destroyed during the rebellion. Your Lordship will observe that the description given of the measure by the petitioners, is in many important particulars inaccurate.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

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To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

The Petition of the Undersigned Inhabitants of the City of Kingston, in Canada West,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT your petitioners have learnt with astonishment, that it is proposed by your Majesty's present Canadian Government to appropriate 180,000*l.* of the funds of the province, to the indemnification of those parties in Lower Canada, who have sustained losses during the rebellions of the years 1837 and 1838.

That your petitioners are given to understand that most of the persons whom it is now proposed to indemnify, were actively and openly engaged in the rebellions of those years; their losses occasioned by their own acts, and suffered whilst in arms against your Majesty's Government.

Your petitioners humbly represent to Your Majesty, that it would be an outrage to the feelings of the loyal inhabitants of the province, and would be affording a premium to high treason, to grant any indemnity to such persons, for losses sustained under such circumstances.

Your petitioners further humbly represent to Your Majesty, that they are sensible that the loyal inhabitants of Lower Canada who sustained losses during the rebellions there, ought to be indemnified. But that the similar losses of Upper Canada having been charged upon a local fund raised in Upper Canada,

Your petitioners deem it an act of injustice to this part of the province to charge upon the consolidated revenue so large a sum as 180,000*l.* for losses sustained in Lower Canada.

Your petitioners humbly pray that Your Majesty will take the matters alleged in this petition, into Your Majesty's gracious consideration, and take such steps thereupon as may seem to Your Majesty most conducive to the dignity of the Crown, and the safety and weal of Your Majesty's loyal Canadian subjects.

And petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 326 Signatures.]