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Right Hon.
C. P. Thomson
to Lord John Russell.
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my part, use every exertion for that purpose. In the co-operation of the people of Canada I look for the chief elements of my success, and the expressions of your confidence in me, at the present moment, are therefore particularly gratifying.

ADDRESS of the Talbot District.

To His Excellency the Right Hon. C. Poulett Thomson Governor General of British North America, &c. &c.

Simcoe, Talbot District, Nov. 26, 1839.

May it please Your Excellency,

We her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, a committee appointed by a public meeting of the inhabitants of the district of Talbot, held at Simcoe (the district town), on the 21st Sept. last, for the purpose of carrying into effect the principles advocated by said meeting, appear before your Excellency, in the name and on behalf of a very large proportion of the freeholders, and other inhabitants of that district, to present to your Excellency our warmest congratulations on your Excellency's assumption of the high and dignified office of Governor-General of her Majesty's dominions in British North America.

Especially would we hail your Excellency's appearance in our provincial metropolis as the harbinger of much good to Upper Canada. We cannot but consider it as a renewed expression of that deep interest which Her Majesty's Government has in our welfare. Permit us then to testify our loyalty to the British throne. As Britons, or the immediate descendants of Britons, we admire and revere the principles upon which that throne is based. We cannot, therefore, but deeply lament, that we in this section of the British empire should not as fully enjoy the benefit of those principles as our fellow-subjects in Britain—we advert to the want of executive responsibility in our provincial administration. A want to which we attribute the origin of a large measure of those distressing calamities which have afflicted this province so long. We fondly hope that your Excellency's investigations into our actual circumstances will soon lead to the fullest conviction of the necessity of adopting this principle in the administration of this province. We assure your Excellency, so far as we know the character of our fellow-subjects, on every hand, this is becoming more and more their wish, daily.

We have it likewise in charge to tell your Excellency that the proposition of Her Majesty's Government, to unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, under one administration, will have the cordial approbation of those whom we represent.

At the same time we should do injustice to ourselves, and our country, did we not distinctly intimate to your Excellency that we consider our present self-elected House of Assembly as not having the confidence of the people, and as such earnestly pray your Excellency to dissolve that house. We cherish no other ambition than that of promoting the welfare of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, and perpetuating the integrity of the empire. And we beg to assure your Excellency that we will heartily co-operate in the arduous but practicable task of establishing confidence, peace, and harmony in this province. And we entertain the pleasing hope that, for the deep concern manifested by your Excellency in the welfare of the province, by your Excellency's early visit during an unelement season of the year, your Excellency will ultimately reap a rich reward in the gratitude of an united people, and in the approbation of a discerning Sovereign.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

I am happy to find that you approve of the proposed re-union of this province with Lower Canada, which it is my earnest desire to arrange upon terms of equal justice to all Her Majesty's subjects within the two provinces.

It is the desire of Her Majesty's advisers that the government of these provinces should be conducted in harmony with the wishes of the people; and it will be my anxious endeavour to conduct my administration in this spirit.

SIMCOE ADDRESS.

To the Right Hon. Charles Poulett Thomson, Governor-General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.

County of Simcoe, Nov. 18th, 1839.

May it please your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the townships of Vespa, Oro, North and South Orvilia, Medonte, Flos, Ting and Tay, in the county of Simcoe, beg leave to approach your Excellency with sincere sentiments of devotion, loyalty, and attachment to our most gracious Sovereign.