

transpired, that the Orangemen were not prepared to bargain in the matter, that the position they found themselves in had been forced upon them, but they had made up their mind what to do; their action, however, would need confirmation the next morning by the country Lodges. I told Col. Wylie that the Arch would be finished by placing a portrait of the Queen at the top, with the flag "No Surrender" by the side, that the Orangemen would turn out in their regalia, and station themselves along side the Arch, that this was their original intention and they saw no reason for altering it. This appeared to satisfy Col. Wylie, and subsequently (the next day) he informed me he had communicated it to the Governor General and the Duke of Newcastle, and they were well satisfied. After I had made the statement, Col. Wylie proposed that the next morning at 9 o'clock, the Sheriff, the Judge, the Mayor, and myself, together with one leading Magistrate, should go on board, and state the definite arrangements, and I agreed to see the Brethren in the morning at the meeting, and see what was the result of their conference with the Brethren from the country. He then spoke of the hour of landing. Col. Wylie thought 10 a. m., but Mr. Ponton and Mr. Bell both said that was too early, the people from the country did not expect the Prince to arrive before 3 p. m., and they would not be in Town. I suggested that the Prince ought not to land before noon. Col. Wylie then stated that the party were anxious to get on, but the hour for landing could be settled when we came on board in the morning. The Colonel then asked me what time he could see me in the morning after I had seen the Brethren. I told him 8 a. m. He enquired where I lived, and was informed by Mr. Ponton. As I agreed, I went early in the morning to meet my Brethren, and to my astonishment I met Col. Wylie and the Mayor in the neighborhood. The Mayor got out of his carriage and asked if nothing could be done. I asked him what he had done; he said that he had seen Bullen, Wensley and Bowell, and they told him the Kingston Programme would be carried out. I told him I could interfere no further, that Col. Wylie had agreed with me to await my coming after I had visited the Brethren; he had not seen fit to stand by his engagement, but had evidently taken the matter out of our hands before any of us could have a chance of seeing the Brethren, and the fault was not mine but theirs. This closed my interview and intercourse with the parties. Early on the morning of the 6th, I received the following letter:

"Belleville, 6th September, 1860.

"To GEORGE BENJAMIN, Esq., WARDEN,

"DEAR SIR: By appointment, I am to see the Duke of Newcastle this morning at 7½ o'clock.

"Will you do me the favor to accompany me on board of the Steamer, as your doing so would probably allay somewhat the excite-