

the high satisfaction with which I have viewed your unwearied application to matters closely interwoven with the general welfare.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The liberality with which you have provided for the advancement of purposes of high public utility, has sufficiently shewn, that you have proceeded upon those patriotic and loyal Principles, which dignify when they actuate the Representatives of a free People.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

You will have learned with satisfaction that the desire of His Majesty, for the renewal of Amity with America, has been met by a corresponding disposition from the Government of the United States, and that a Peace has ensued, which it may be permitted us to hope, will, by its ultimate provisions and its permanence, compensate for the evils of war to which it has given a termination.

I have now to inform you, that I have received the commands of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to return to England for the purpose of repelling accusations affecting my Military Character, which have been preferred by the late Naval Commander in Chief on the Lakes in Canada; and while I take my leave of you with regret, I embrace with eagerness, the opportunity afforded me of justifying my reputation.

However intent on the subject which so unexpectedly thus summons my attention, be assured I shall bear with me a lively recollection of the firm support I have derived from you, and I shall be gratified at an early period, in representing personally to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the zeal and loyalty evinced by every class of His Majesty's Subjects in British North America during my Administration, their attachment to His August Person and to His Government, and most particularly, the spirit and devotion manifested by the People of the Canadas, in the late Contest with the United States of America.

Then the Speaker of this House said:

*Gentlemen*