

TO THE
Electors of the County of York.

GENTLEMEN :—

I have the honour to inform you that it is my intention to come forward as a candidate at the next Election of Members to serve for your County in the Provincial Parliament; and I most respectfully solicit your votes and support.

I have no end in view but the well being of the people at large—no ambition to serve, but that of contributing to the happiness and prosperity of our common country. The influence and authority with which you may invest me, shall always be directed, according to the best of my judgment, for the general good; and it will be my care to uphold your rights to the utmost of my power, with that firmness, moderation, and *perseverance*, which becomes the representative of a free people.

If honoured with your suffrages, it will be alike my duty and my pleasure to watch over the local interests of this great county—and to promote every public improvement and useful undertaking, which shall be found conducive to your prosperity and the general welfare.

I have ever been opposed to ecclesiastical domination; it is at enmity with the free spirit of christianity: and nations which have bowed to its yoke, are become the dark abodes of ignorance and superstition—oppression and misery.

That corrupt, powerful, and long endured influence which has hitherto interfered with your rights and liberties, can only be overturned by your unanimity and zeal. An independent House of Assembly, to Upper Canada, would be inestimable.

I have been a careful observer of the conduct of the people's representatives in the colonial assemblies: I have seen men in whom was placed the utmost confidence, fall from their integrity and betray their sacred trust—men too, who had entered upon their legislative duties with the best intentions towards the people, and who evinced for a time a firm determination to support their rights. But there are others who continue to maintain and uphold the interests of their country, unshaken and undismayed; who consider it their highest honour to persevere in a faithful discharge of their public duties, and eagerly strive to deserve the good will, the affection, and the confidence of their fellow subjects.

Among this latter class I am desirous of being numbered; and, unless I shall be found deserting the cause of the people, I trust that the people will never desert me.

Accept my sincere thanks for the abundant proofs of kindness and confidence, and for the liberal assurances of support, with which you have honoured me, and believe me,

Gentlemen,

Your faithful humble servant,

W. L. MACKENZIE.

York, 17th December 1827.