

Coinciding more especially in the sterling Sentiments expressed by our Representatives in the House of Assembly, as embodying the direct unfettered Echo of the Feelings of a high-minded, loyal, and discerning People, we deem it a Waste of Words to add here a single Sentence to so noble, so perfect, and yet so well earned a Tribute to your Excellency's Merits, and therefore content ourselves with the simple Expression of our renewed affectionate Regrets at your Excellency's approaching Departure; and confidently leaving the more just Appreciation of your Excellency's invaluable Services to the calm and dignified Award of the Senate of our Mother Country, and the Degree and Nature of their high Reward to the unsophisticated warm Heart of our beloved Sovereign, unite in imploring the Divine Blessing on your Excellency's future Career, whether to be spent in the even and more happy Tenor of domestic Retirement, or to be devoted, as we hope it soon will be, to more stirring Scenes in the Service of your Country.

No. 73.
Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg,
20th March 1838.

Enclosures.

To His Excellency Sir F. B. Head, Bart., Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects of the Township of Orillia, again approach your Excellency without any Abatement of those Feelings which induced us, on the First Day of the present Year, unanimously to express our Loyalty to the British Crown, and our Gratitude to your Excellency personally for your uncompromising Zeal and superior Talent in the Discharge of the arduous Duties of this Province.

We repeat that your intense Application, Talent, Knowledge of the real Causes of Complaint, your Endeavour to remedy all Evils without compromising the Constitution, have been the Means, under Divine Providence, of warding off the Blow which has been and now is aimed at us by the Subjects of a neighbouring Power, professedly in Amity with Great Britain.

That under all these Circumstances we cannot avoid expressing our Regret and Alarm, occasioned by the Notification of your Excellency's Resignation, conveyed to the House of Assembly in your Message of 15th ultimo.

If that Policy which has aroused such a universal Burst of loyal Feeling, Expression, and Action throughout Upper Canada, whereby Rebellion against the Crown has been crushed, and Foreign Invasion repelled, be a just Cause for depriving Her Majesty's Subjects in this Colony of a wise and efficient Governor, and our Sovereign of his talented Services in this important Portion of the British Empire, at a Time when a Combination of every great Quality, with a local and political Knowledge of the Country, is requisite, we must, with all due Humility and Submission to the Laws we respect, but in the Determination of upholding our glorious Connexion with the Mother Country and British Supremacy, reiterate our heartfelt Regret at your Excellency's Resignation, and our Fears that the Steps taken by our Colonial Minister, and that Line of Policy required by him, must have been guided by the Misrepresentations of our Enemies, and the Want of due Knowledge in the Affairs of the Colony.

We believe it will be gratifying to your Excellency to be assured, that should the insolent and unprincipled Spirit of Encroachment displayed by the United States of America lead them to attempt any further Aggression on the Shores of Canada, we shall not hesitate, in defence of the admirable Constitution and good Laws under which we live, to give all our Energies and hasten all our Exertions in repelling the Insult, and defending our Country, Laws, and Constitution.

We believe that the important Events that have happened in this Province during the Administration of your Excellency will long be remembered with deep Interest, and will long have a most important Influence upon the Interests and Prosperity of the British Possessions in North America.

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