

majority of the inhabitants of this Province) that in all your measures you have been governed by a sincere desire to promote the welfare of this rising Colony—and that whatever conflicting opinions may be entertained respecting those measures and their effects, but this *one* can be held of the *motives* which originated them—Your Excellency's unceasing endeavours to encourage and promote all public improvements in the Province, and in this District particularly—your undeviating solicitude for the reform of our bad system of education—your ready attention to all well-grounded causes of complaint—the salutary influence of your strict regard for religious observances—and your uniform and active benevolence, fully justify us in this assumption.

We beg to convey to your Excellency our earnest wishes, that in whatever station you occupy you may continue to enjoy the blessings of an approving conscience, and still witness the happiness and welfare of those under your influence, augmented by the wise and beneficent exercise of your power; and finally, our fervent hope, that it will please Divine Providence to bestow upon yourself, Lady Colborne, and your amiable family, unremitted health and prosperity.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN:

I thank you sincerely for your Address, and I assure you that I feel highly gratified on this occasion in receiving from you this expression of your opinion of my conduct and intentions, during my administration of the Government of this Province.