

ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Read by Mr. Justice Mackay:—

To His Excellency the Most Honorable Henry Charles Keith Petty Fitzmaurice, Marquis of Lansdowne, in the County of Somerset, Earl of Wycombe of Chipping Wycombe in the County of Bucks, Viscount Caln and Calnstone in the County of Wilts, and Lord Wycombe Baron of Chipping Wycombe in the County of Bucks, in the Peerage of Great Britain; Earl of Kerry and Earl of Shelburne, Viscount Clanmaurice and Fitzmaurice, Baron of Kerry, Lixnaw and Dunkerron, in the Peerage of Ireland; Governor-General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

On behalf of the Art Association of Montreal, we desire to express our sincere thanks to Your Excellency for your ready and gracious consent to accept the office of Patron of the Association.

We beg leave to offer you a hearty welcome on the occasion of your first visit to this, one of the most important cities in the Dominion of Canada.

In a country which may be said to be still in its infancy, art cannot be expected to have made great progress, or to have attained very remarkable excellence. We nevertheless conceive that in this and other cities of our Dominion the theory and practice of art have, within the last few years, made decided advances, and that the prospects of the dissemination of sound and enlightened art culture are very far from discouraging.

We attribute much of the advance that has been made in this direction to the kind and fostering interest taken in our welfare by the two distinguished noblemen who immediately preceded Your Excellency in the high office which you now hold. Moreover,