

tion, and to revolutionize the Country. Your Excellency, with signal Vigour and Ability, unmasked the Designs of those wicked Men, and, calling around you the loyal Inhabitants of Upper Canada, overthrew their Power, and procured a Parliament true to British Principles, and earnestly zealous for the best Interests of this Province.

In the general Admiration excited by this Act of your Excellency's Administration none more warmly participated than the Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton and its Vicinity; and we have felt equal Gratification at the decisive Conduct since displayed by your Excellency in reposing with such unhesitating Confidence on the Loyalty and Patriotism of the Inhabitants of Upper Canada, and in accompanying them personally to resist the wicked Conspiracy of its internal Enemies, as well as the subsequent Aggression of its treacherous Allies.

By this extraordinary Vigour your Excellency has fully realized the Expectations of the Friends of the British Constitution in this Province, and called forth a Display of Loyalty which will serve as a convincing Proof to the World that British Principles are too deeply seated in this Portion of Her Majesty's Dominions to be overthrown by a Faction, let their Professions be what they may.

It now but remains for us to bid your Excellency a respectful Farewell, and to assure your Excellency, that wherever your approving Sovereign may require your Services, in no Part of Britain's wide-spread Empire will those Services be more fully appreciated or gratefully remembered than by the Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton and its Vicinity.

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Baronet, 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, the Officers, Non-commissioned, and Private Soldiers of the Midland District of Upper Canada, assembled and doing Duty for the Protection of Kingston, the Key of Upper Canada, which we feel justly proud in having held in our safe Keeping since the Outbreaking of the most foul and unnatural Rebellion that ever disgraced the Annals of a civilized Community, approach your Excellency as the Representative of our beloved Sovereign at a Time when every true Canadian and British Heart feels keenly the Loss we are about to experience in the Removal of your Excellency from the Government of our Country, which you have so nobly shown can defend itself both against the Machinations of Traitors to its Constitutions within, and the Display of unexampled and unlooked for Enmity without, at a Time, too, when, from the Lapse of nearly a Quarter of a Century of profound Peace, Upper Canada was, it was supposed by those who arrayed themselves against her Honour and her Peace, destitute of that Military Ardour which enabled her during the last War to set Foreign Invasion at Defiance, with Means apparently then also inadequate to the Defence of her extended and exposed Frontier.

Your Excellency, attacked in the Capital by a Band of lawless Marauders, no sooner sounded the Cry "to Arms" than the rapacious and blood-thirsty Spoilers were discomfited and dispersed, and Ten thousand brave Militia Men rushed to your Banner from all Parts, whilst here at Kingston the only Struggle was between the Regiments of the Midland and Eastern Districts, which should, having first reinforced the Capital, secure the most important Military Position on the Great Lakes.

The Marauders desired to apportion out amongst their rash and deluded Followers our fertile and smiling Lands, and, finding the Militia had so resolutely ejected them from the Soil, sought Refuge in a Territory whose People were in a State of profound Peace with Great Britain.

An unholy Union for a Time kept the Erie Frontier of Upper Canada in a State of actual War, but the Invaders were speedily punished, and ejected for ever.

To your Excellency's energetic Measures the Militia of Upper Canada owe the proud Station they have once again attained, and when you leave

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

Enclosures.
