

then made for Support to the Loyalty of the Province, and to which, under Divine Favour, we now stand indebted for the Preservation of our Liberties.

The same wise and uncompromising Conduct has marked the entire Course of your Excellency's Government; but although the Limits of an Address will not admit of an Enumeration of what has been thus done under your Directions for the Benefit of the Province, we cannot pass over the magnanimous and honourable Course adopted by your Excellency in a Moment of severe and most critical Difficulty, when the whole commercial Credit of America was shaken to its Foundation. The noble Stand then successfully made under your Excellency's Auspices to sustain British Integrity in her commercial Engagements, amidst the Contagion and Temptation then spread around us, demands our Gratitude not less than our Admiration.

But if our Obligations are here great and lasting, we are at a Loss adequately to express what we and the entire Province owe to your Excellency for the Wisdom, the Promptitude, and Ability you have displayed in crushing the unnatural Rebellion attempted to be excited in this hitherto peaceful and happy Land.

We are aware that Objections may be raised by factious Demagogues to the Policy of sending the regular Forces to the Assistance of the Lower Province, but the devoted Feelings in your Excellency's Breast would have already convinced you that Appeal could confidently be made, under any Emergency, to the same Patriotism and Loyalty your Firmness and Wisdom had already so triumphantly drawn forth.

We feel that the Upper Province has nobly responded to this Call, and has marked in Characters not to be misunderstood that its Loyalty and Attachment to the British Throne, and to the Constitution as established in this Province, is not to be shaken by domestic Traitors or subverted by foreign Duplicity. It is now demonstrated to the World that this Province seeks not, as she has been misrepresented, any Alienation from the Parent State, and is determined, at all Hazards, to preserve a Connexion with which her best and dearest Interests are identified. We are not of those who have any Fears as to the Result, except it arises from a Change in the wise and provident Government your Excellency has established. Our Cause is a righteous one, no less than the Defence of our Altars and Fire-sides, and as such we can look for Protection to Almighty Power; but whilst we hail with Satisfaction the Moderation and Vigour of your Excellency's Measures on the Frontier, which demand our warmest Acknowledgments, we are ready and willing, with our Lives and Fortunes, if Need require, to sustain them, by repelling Foreign Aggression or Interference of any Kind, yet still desirous to cultivate, if permitted, the Relations of Amity with our Neighbours.

We lament that so little of this Spirit has been shown, by the Insult offered to our most Gracious Sovereign in the Invasion of our Province by an armed Band of American Citizens, uncontrolled by American Authority, who have waged War and committed Bloodshed on the Subjects of Her Majesty engaged in the Recovery of a Part of the British Territory, then audaciously held by Rebels. We trust Reparation has been or will be demanded for this Outrage, in which the Honour and Independence of the British Empire is involved. Of your Excellency's Feelings on this Subject we can have no Doubt, and are equally confident that in your Hands no Insult would be offered to the British Nation with Impunity.

Again we repeat our unfeigned Regret that at such a Moment we are deprived of your Excellency's Presence and commanding Influence and Abilities; and although we deprecate any Interference with the Prerogative of our Gracious Queen, we cannot but look with anxious Solicitude to a Change in the Government of the Province, accompanied as it is by a Notification that any Part of your Administration of its Affairs does not meet the Approbation of Her Majesty's Ministers.

It remains only for us to express our warm and most affectionate Wishes for your Excellency's Welfare. You have nobly fulfilled the high Duties of the Station to which you were called, and can conscientiously repose in future Life on the Conviction of having thus earned the unfading Gratitude of the Province, which owes to your paternal Care the Preservation of its Laws, its Liberties, and Happiness.

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