

Enclosure 1, in No. 6.

To The QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg permission respectfully to approach Your Majesty with the renewed assurance of our continual loyalty, attachment and devotion to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

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We beg to express to Your Majesty our most grateful sense of the support and protection which Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to extend to Your loyal and faithful subjects against the unprovoked invasions of both of the provinces of Canada on the part of the people of the neighbouring nation. To that protection, and to the wisdom and foresight of our rulers, aided by the never-failing loyalty and gallantry of Your Majesty's subjects, we are, under Divine Providence, indebted for the maintenance of our laws and liberties, and the preservation of our lives and properties from the vindictive and wicked assaults of a depraved and savage banditti.

The vast expense incurred by the British nation in maintaining the fleets and armies of Your Majesty sent for our support, is cause of deep and serious concern to Your Majesty's faithful subjects; nor can they cease to express their grateful acknowledgments for the noble generosity thus evinced. It, however, is a source of no small gratification to us to have it in our power to say, that in Upper Canada at least this burthen has not been thrown upon the parent State from any necessity to maintain internal tranquillity, but merely to shield us from the attacks of a people with whom we are professedly at peace, but who nevertheless are waging open war against the Crown and subjects of Your Majesty.

There is but too much reason to apprehend, that should Your Majesty withdraw your forces from this country at the present moment, renewed invasions, and on a more extended scale than any that have hitherto occurred, would be speedily experienced. It is not for Your Majesty's subjects in these colonies to point out to Your Majesty the means that should be adopted to put an end to these outrages; but, as the representatives of the people of Upper Canada, we venture humbly, but confidently, to declare that these outrages never will cease until Your Majesty shall have announced to the government of the United States that Your Majesty holds it responsible for the conspiracies and invasions formed and conducted by the citizens of the republic to overthrow Your Majesty's Government on this continent, and to murder and destroy Your Majesty's subjects, for no other reason than that they are loyal and faithful to their Sovereign's Person and Government.

We beg permission further, most respectfully and earnestly, to draw Your Majesty's attention to the rightful claim of Your subjects to indemnity for the destruction of the "Sir Robert Peel" steam-boat while lying in the waters of the United States, in the peaceful pursuit of its ordinary business. This outrage, no less insulting to the British nation than injurious to the individuals who have suffered from it, by the loss of their property, has never been in any way atoned for, and the consequences to the owners of the vessel are of the most ruinous kind. We therefore implore Your Majesty to take such steps for the relief of Your Majesty's injured subjects as You may in Your wisdom think right. Neither do we imagine that when Your Majesty shall have determined on the course proper for Your Majesty to pursue, in reference to this particular case, that Your Majesty will overlook the claims which all Your Majesty's subjects in both provinces have for indemnity for the many and great injuries of a similar nature inflicted on them by a foreign nation, and for which, unless reparation be in some way made, and security given for their future peace, consequences of the most painful character, and which it is feared cannot be prevented, may result from future collisions.

Since the commencement of the present session of the provincial parliament, the final Report of Your Majesty's High Commissioner on the Affairs of British North America has been received in this country. In this Report Your Majesty's faithful subjects find many statements deeply affecting the social and political relations and condition of Upper and Lower Canada, and the recommendations of several important changes in the form and practice of the constitution. It is with much concern that Your Majesty's faithful subjects find that Your Majesty's High Commissioner has strongly urged the adoption of these changes by Your Majesty and the Imperial Parliament, without waiting for the opinion that may be formed of them by the people who are to be most deeply and immediately affected by them. Under these circumstances, we have caused a report to be drawn up by a select committee of the House of Assembly, which contains matter referring to this subject, as well as to our relations with the people of the United States, which we respectfully submit for Your Majesty's consideration; and in the fullest confidence that Your Majesty and the Imperial Parliament, continuing to act on those noble principles of justice and patriotism that have hitherto been manifested towards this portion of the British Empire, will discountenance and disallow every measure that in the most remote degree has a tendency to weaken the ties which now unite the North American colonies of Your Majesty to your Majesty's Crown and Government, we commit ourselves to that superintending power, to which, as loyal people, we owe implicit obedience.

Whatever measure Your Majesty may be pleased to approve and recommend to Your Imperial Parliament, we earnestly implore Your Majesty's especial attention to the financial difficulties that have occurred to arrest the progress and completion of the great public works in which this province has been engaged. These difficulties, we venture to assure Your Majesty, do not arise from any fault of the government and legislature of Upper

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