

Attorney General, I have thought proper at the present crisis, to offer these ideas to your Grace, in hopes that should they be deemed worthy of attention, charters of incorporation with such powers should be forwarded to me from England, before the meeting of the next Session. And I am to observe to your Grace that as by the Act of Parliament the ensuing session will be the last of the present House of Assembly, it will be prudent to pass every bill that may be necessary before it be dissolved, as it will not be probable that a more loyal or better disposed set of men will be again re-assembled.

I have etc.,

(Signed) J. GRAVES SIMCOE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The reply of the Colonial Secretary deals with various matters, and then disposes of the Lieutenant-Governor's argument in favor of Municipal Corporations in the following words :

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Neither the plan of creating Corporations nor Lieutenants of Counties is at all eligible in the present situation of Canada. What it might be prudent to concede to an earnest desire of the people is one question. What it is expedient for Government to bring forward or propose is another. Both the measures seem very unfit to be encouraged by the parent state in a dependent colony. The Legislative power being given up to an Assembly of their own, it is only through the Executive power, vested in the person having the Government of the Province, that the sway of this country can be exercised. Every kind of authority that is not inconsistent with the Constitution given to the Province, ought, therefore,

Majesty's service, in respect to the Province, will suffer by the removal of Chief Justice Osgoode, to Lower Canada, and which I shall most sensibly experience personally and as far as respects the public service in my laborious office. I cannot but rest upon you in confidence that the successor to this important duty will be a British lawyer accustomed to the forms of the British Bar, of undoubted loyalty, and of approved integrity."