

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

Enclosures.

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, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the undersigned Inhabitants of the County of Glengarry, have learned with the most sincere Regret, that in consequence of a Difference of Opinion between your Excellency and Her Majesty's Advisers, your Excellency has deemed it your Duty to resign the Government of this Province.

When we reflect upon the factious Opposition which your Excellency encountered upon your assuming this Government, not only from the Majority of the then House of Assembly, but from those who were the sworn Advisers and confidential Servants of the Crown, the prompt Manner in which you thwarted the designing Views of the one, and rebutted the insidious Professions of the other; the successful Result of your Appeal to the People to aid you to maintain the Constitution; the Reliance you placed upon their Loyalty at a Moment when Her Majesty's Forces were withdrawn from the Province; and the Energy you displayed in crushing a Rebellion as unnatural as it was unforeseen; when we reflect upon all this, we beg to assure your Excellency, that if any thing could shake our Loyalty to our Sovereign, or our Confidence in the Justice of the Imperial Government, there are but few Things that would be more calculated to do both than the recalling your Excellency at so critical a Period; and in these Sentiments we believe would unite with us about a Thousand of our Fellow Subjects of this County, who, at the Call of your Excellency's gallant and excellent Predecessor, have gone to Lower Canada to assist in maintaining the Peace of that Province, as well as to guard against the Machinations of a Portion of our Republican Neighbours.

Trusting that your Excellency's important Services to this Province will meet with that Approbation from our Gracious Queen which they so justly merit, and that you and your Family may long enjoy every earthly Comfort, we respectfully bid your Excellency Farewell.

Amherstburg, Western District,
 22d January 1838.

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,

Scarcely had the late hurried yet respectful Address to your Excellency by a Majority of the undersigned, either residing in this immediate Neighbourhood, or assembled in Arms at the Call of their Country, at this important remote Point of the Canadian Frontier, been despatched, when the Truth of the paralyzing Rumour of your Excellency's Resignation burst upon them in the public Announcement of your Excellency's Message to Parliament on the 15th inst.

The Object of their anxious Appeal being thus unhappily anticipated, all that now remains to the undersigned is, without waiting for the Honour of your Excellency's Reply, at once to unite with the rest of the loyal and grateful Inhabitants of Upper Canada, and more particularly with their spirited and talented Representatives in both Chambers of the Provincial Legislature, in the Expression of the poignant Regret with which they contemplate your Excellency's sudden Departure from a Country which, in so short a Period, has owed so much to the Wisdom and Decision of your Excellency's eventful Administration of its Government, at the same Time that they are bound to admire that noble disinterested Bearing which could promptly sacrifice all selfish Considerations rather than submit to the humiliating un-British Predicament of being the servile Instrument of carrying into effect, at the Beck of an uninformed distant Colonial Secretary, Measures which neither your sounder Judgment nor better Experience *on the Spot* could approve.

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