

ADDRESS,

To His Excellency Sir PIERGRINE MAITLAND, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

The humble Address of the British Wesleyan Missionaries, in connection with the conference of the people called Methodists, first established by the Revd. JNO. WESLEY, deceased :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the British Wesleyan Missionaries, labouring in Lower and Upper Canada, in District Meeting assembled at Kingston, beg leave at this our first annual meeting, after your arrival, humbly to address your Excellency, and to offer to you our sincere congratulations on your appointment as Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, and also on your safe passage to the seat of Government. The appointment of a person possessing your Excellency's exalted reputation, is a circumstance highly gratifying to us, and to all who feel interested for the general good of the Province, the Government of which you are in the order of Divine Providence called to administer. We gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity to assure your Excellency that both we and the Societies whom we represent in these Provinces, are firmly and unalterably attached to the excellent constitution of our Country, and that in sentiments of most loyal and affectionate respect for the Person, family and Government of our venerable Sovereign, we are not behind any other class of His Majesty's Subjects, either in this country or at home. His long affliction we sincerely lament, and for his present and eternal welfare, we most fervently pray. The death of our late revered Queen has produced suitable emotions of sorrow in our hearts: but these sorrows have been alleviated by the pleasing hope of her having entered the blissful regions of un fading glory.

For your Excellency, we offer up to God

our continual supplications, that his richest blessings may rest upon yourself and family, and also on your Administration of the Government of the Province committed to your charge. With our prayers we shall not fail to continue as we have ever done, our strenuous exhortations, to the people of our care, that they may be taught both by our precepts and example, while they fear God to honor the King, and all who are placed in authority under him, and to adorn our Holy Religion, by an uniformly peaceable demeanour to lawful authority. In these principles of Christian Loyalty, we have been instructed by our highly respected Fathers and Brethren in the Gospel Ministry at home, and which are embodied in our standing Rules of Discipline: and we are confirmed in our adherence to them, by a thankful recollection of the privileges we enjoy.

Signed by order and in behalf of the District Meeting,

R. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

R. L. LUSHER, Secretary.

Kingston, March 1st, 1819.

His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply :

GENTLEMEN,

Your loyal address is very agreeable to me. I am well convinced that both you and the Society you represent, are not behind any class of His Majesty's subjects, in cherishing sentiments of affectionate respect for His Person, Family and Government; nor in holding fast those of sincere attachment to the constitution of your country.

I duly appreciate your condolence with me, on the long affliction of our revered Sovereign, and on the death of our lamented and exemplary Queen.

I feel grateful to you for remembering me and my family in your prayers before the Throne of Grace, and not less so, for your seeking a blessing of him from whom all good Counsels proceed on my Administration of the Government of this Province.

THE CENTURION.

SIR,

I send you a fragment of a Sermon, that may perhaps awaken in the hearts of some of your readers, those sentiments and feelings, which all serious persons during this holy season are anxious to entertain.

St. Mark, 15, 39.—“ And when the Centurion who stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the Ghost, he said, truly this man was the Son of God.”

The Centurion here mentioned, was the Captain of the Roman Guard, sent by Pontius Pilate to see the unjust sen-