

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

Appendix.

Gentlemen,

If the important object I have in view were to obtain applause, nothing could be more gratifying to my feelings than the approbation of so well-educated a body of gentlemen as the grand jury of the Home District; but, without offence, I must declare that the strict performance of my duty requires that I should neither be stimulated by popularity nor deterred by clamour. In maintaining the liberties of the inhabitants of this province, but little has been left by our Sovereign either to my judgment or discretion, and if it be true "that the recent expressions of confidence in my administration which you have heard, and in which you cordially concur, lead you to hope that the people will not long remain blinded to their own interest," this happy effect has proceeded from no exertions of mine, but simply from my having repelled our enemies by pointing to the Constitutional Act of this province.

Reply of Lieut.-  
Governor to  
Grand Jury.

If that noble charter had not existed, there can be no doubt but that the representative of His Majesty would have been overcome, and that the inhabitants of Upper Canada would now be under the ignominious tyranny of a secret metropolitan "Cabinet;" but your Constitution has proved to be impregnable, and at this moment no people bewail the fact more keenly than those who have lately been nearly crushed in their endeavours to undermine it.

(A true copy)

J. Joseph.

(No. 57.)

— No. 2. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *F. B. Head* to Lord *Glenelg*, dated Toronto, 16 July 1836.

My Lord,

In my last Despatch, No. 56, dated 8th instant, I had the honour to inform your Lordship that our elections had added forty constitutional votes to the House of Assembly, which is composed, as your Lordship is aware, of sixty-two members.

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The republican minority of course feel that their cause is desperate, and, as a last dying struggle, they have I understand been assembling at Toronto, night after night, for the purpose of appealing for assistance to His Majesty's Government.

Their conventions are so secret that it is impossible for me to know what passes there, but I have been informed that they have actually despatched Dr. Duncombe (an American and a rank republican) with complaints of some sort respecting the elections.

I also beg to state to your Lordship that I expect that Dr. Baldwin, Mr. George Ridout and Mr. Small, whom I have felt it necessary to dismiss from the situations they respectively held, in consequence of the disrespectful language they have publicly used against me, will also seek to be supported by His Majesty's Government.

I feel confident that your Lordship will discountenance this dark unconstitutional practice of despatching agents from this province to His Majesty's Government to make secret complaints against the Lieutenant-Governor, which of course it is impossible for him to repel.

I will therefore merely assure your Lordship, that, in the elections, as well as in the dismissal of a few of the ringleaders of the republicans, I have acted cautiously and conscientiously.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *F. B. Head.*