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ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION OF
TORONTO TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL,
WITH HIS EXCELLENCY'S
REPLY THERETO.

ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION.

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable
Sir Charles Bagot, &c. &c. &c.*

May it please your Excellency.—We the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Toronto, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Excellency with assurances of our heartfelt delight upon your assumption of the government of Canada, and to express our thankfulness that your Excellency has been spared to reach our shores in safety after an unusually tempestuous and perilous voyage.

In common with a vast majority of the inhabitants of Canada, we hailed with satisfaction and pleasure the accession to power of the present ministers of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and we receive in the selection of your Excellency during the present eventful period to administer the government of British North America, an additional pledge on the part of our beloved Sovereign to Her loyal subjects in this portion of Her dominions, "That Canada shall not be lost or given away." Little fear, we feel satisfied, need be entertained of the permanence and stability of an empire whose councils are directed by a wisdom which has deputed a De Grey to Ireland, an Ellenborough to India, and a Bagot to the British North American Colonies.

Your Excellency's acknowledged reputation for distinguished abilities as a statesman, strict integrity of character, and conservative principles, is a certain guarantee to the loyal and well affected, that the exertions which they have heretofore made (and which they are determined to continue) to maintain inviolate the connexion of this colony with its glorious Parent State, will always receive your Excellency's most favourable consideration, and that their loyalty to their Sovereign, and attachment to the institutions of their country, will at no time be considered by your Excellency an embarrassment in carrying out the policy of your government. We beg to tender to your Excellency our hearty co-operation in endeavouring to accomplish any and every object which your Excellency may deem necessary to the fulfilment of the responsible trust which Her Most Gracious Majesty has committed into your hands, in the full confidence that your Excellency will be guided in the discharge of your arduous

and important duties, by a proper regard to the claims of every class in the community, and we sincerely trust with the assistance of the Almighty Ruler of events, that your efforts will be crowned with signal and lasting benefits to the people whom you have been appointed to govern. We cannot conclude this imperfect expression of our feelings without giving utterance to a wish that your Excellency will at no distant period visit Toronto, the capital of Upper Canada before the union of the two Provinces, and give us the opportunity of welcoming the representative of our beloved Sovereign in a manner more genial to our wishes and feelings, and with a more hearty and British tribute of our respect and esteem, than we are enabled to convey through the medium of an address.

(Signed) GEO. MONRO, Mayor.

City of Toronto, }
January 18th, 1842. }

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I beg you to accept my thanks for your congratulations on my arrival to assume the Government of this Province, and I assure you that I shall have much pleasure hereafter in visiting Toronto, formerly the capital of Upper Canada.

I am happy to learn that you have confidence in Her Majesty's present advisers. As Her Majesty's representative in this important part of her dominions, I have received her command to invite all classes of the inhabitants of this Province to co-operate with me in my efforts for its welfare—to consult, in my legislative capacity, the happiness and (so far as may be consistent with my duty to Her Majesty, and my responsibility to her constitutional advisers) the wishes of the mass of the community—and, in my executive capacity, to administer the laws firmly, moderately and impartially. Such are the principles on which my Government will be conducted, and such I feel are the only principles on which I can hope to make it successful or advantageous. I feel confident that I shall receive from you all the co-operation in your power; and I do not hesitate to call on you, by the loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's person and government which you have ever shown, to aid me, in obedience to Her Majesty's express commands, in allaying party animosities and in promoting union, contentment, and goodwill among all the inhabitants of this Province.