

Majesty and your parliament an opportunity to do us justice, and to the present administration of this province, the means of effecting such reforms as the vices of the system permit them to effect; and we have determined to provide for the expenses of the provincial government for a limited time, regard being had to the circumstances attending the several items, and the resources of the country. We pray that your Majesty will attribute the manner in which we shall endeavour to give effect to the decision we have thus come to, solely to our sincere desire to obtain a better government, and not to any abandonment of the principles we have supported; and that your Majesty will not allow it to be made a subject of reproach to us, when we may again hereafter insist on these principles. It is with the view of maintaining them and of obtaining your Majesty's decision and that of your parliament on the weighty matters we have set forth, and the removal of grievances and abuses, that we have postponed the consideration of the other demands which would have necessitated a further departure from what we believe to be the constitutional rights of the people. We expect full justice from the august tribunal to which we appeal, and we trust that the provincial parliament will be called together for its next session so as to enable us to continue as early as possible our labours for the welfare of our country, and, reassured by the justice and liberality of the measures we expect, to consider the means of finally arranging the difficulties existing in the government of this province, and of giving strength, stability and public confidence thereto.

Wherefore we respectfully entreat your Majesty to listen favourably to our humble prayers, and, as well by the exercise of the august powers which belong more especially to your Majesty, as jointly with the parliament of the United Kingdom, to render full justice to your faithful subjects, and to deliver them from oppressions and bad government, which, through colonial ministers, have so long weighed heavily upon them. And, by inclination led, as well as by duty bound, we shall ever pray for your Majesty's sacred person.