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Sir F. B. Head
to
Lord Glenelg.
20th March 1838.

Enclosures.

May a long, prosperous, and happy Life, and every Blessing which Providence can bestow, here and hereafter, be the Reward of your Excellency's Conduct, and may Lady Head and your Family be benefited in like Manner, through the kindest Dispensations of Providence, is the sincere Prayer of us all.

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, the undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Cornwall, have learned with Regret, that having differed in Opinion with Her Majesty's Government in some important Subject of Colonial Policy, your Excellency has been compelled, from a Sense of Duty, to tender your Resignation of the Government of this Province.

The Subject upon which your Excellency has been forced thus to differ is unknown to us, and we cannot of course express any Opinion upon the Question at issue, but when we recollect the firm, vigorous, and constitutional Manner in which your Excellency has under most unprecedented Dangers and Difficulties upheld the Prerogative of the Crown, and maintained inviolate the Liberties and Privileges of Her Majesty's Subjects in this Province, we cannot but feel, that in accepting your Resignation, Her Majesty's Ministers have inflicted a deep and lasting Injury upon the Interests of the Colony.

From the Moment in which you assumed the Government of this Province, your Excellency has been assailed by the untiring Opposition and groundless hatred of a wicked and revolutionary Faction. Trusting for Support in the Loyalty of those you were called upon to govern, your Excellency offered a firm and successful Resistance to the Machinations of the Leaders of this traitorous Cabal. In thus confiding in the Attachment of a devoted People, your Excellency has been more than Conqueror, for while the guilty have been driven from the Flock the deluded have been brought back to the Fold.

The Feelings of the Heart can only be honestly expressed in the simple and unpretending Language of Truth; and we trust your Excellency will believe, that in taking leave of you we feel a Sorrow as deep as the Benefits your Excellency has conferred on the Province will be lasting. We fervently pray that your Excellency will receive from the Hands of our beloved Queen the Reward to which you are justly entitled, and that every Blessing, spiritual and temporal, may attend your Excellency and Family wherever it may please the Almighty Disposer of Events hereafter to place you.

To His Excellency Sir F. B. Head, Bart., 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, the Magistrates, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Oxford, duly convened by public Notice, beg leave respectfully to address your Excellency, and to express our deep Concern at the Announcement of your Resignation of the Government of this Province.

Under ordinary Circumstances we would receive this Intelligence with painful Anxiety, but in the actual Situation of the Province, whether in respect to its internal State or external Prospects, we must deplore the Communication as a great national Calamity.

When your Excellency assumed the Government a factious Organization already marked, by unequivocal Symptoms, a determined Hostility to the British Throne, and attempted in that Spirit to control your Government and to overthrow our Constitution; we look back with unqualified Approbation to your Excellency's Firmness on that Occasion, and to the constitutional Appeal you then