

*May it please your Excellency :*

The committee of the Quebec Bible Society, auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, with unfeigned gratitude to the God of all grace, for that protection with which he has encircled you, during your voyages and absence from Canada, offer their sincere congratulations to your Excellency, on your return to assume the executive functions of this government. They rejoice in being permitted to address your Excellency as the beneficent patron of the laudable establishments organized among us for the extension of elementary and scientific knowledge especially that of the British and Foreign Bible Society. While they thus declare their respectful veneration of your Excellency's philanthropy, they ardently implore the God of our Fathers, so to prosper your Excellency's administration, that your Excellency may eventually receive that triumphant plaudit: "*Thou hast been faithful—I will make thee ruler over many things—Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*"

To which address his Excellency was pleased to return an answer to the following effect:—

*Gentlemen,*

I am much obliged to you for the kind sentiments which you have expressed towards me in this address. Having seen the beneficial effects of these public institutions, I shall continue cordially to give them my support and patronage.

*Montreal, 26th September.*

At a meeting, called by public advertisement, and held in the room of the committee of trade, for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of the navigation between Montreal and Quebec, and the best means of improving the same.

Thomas Blackwood Esq. having been called to the chair, and John Fleming Esq. appointed Secretary, the following resolutions were severally proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously:—

*Resolved*—That the shallowness of the

river St. Lawrence at *Isle Platte*, more particularly in Lake St. Peters, is a great impediment to the increase of the trade of this city, and retards the prosperity of the country at large.

*Resolved*—That in the opinion of this meeting, it is practicable to deepen the channel of the river at the said points, and thereby render it navigable throughout the season, from this port to sea for vessels of 250 tons, fully laden, and that the probable cost of the undertaking, it is believed, would be inconsiderable compared with the advantages that would accrue to the province by its completion.

*Resolved*—That it is highly expedient to bring the subject under the consideration of the Provincial Parliament, and that a committee be now chosen to prepare petitions to be presented to the several branches thereof at the commencement of the next Session, and to adopt such farther measures as may be deemed necessary for the prompt attainment of the object in view.

*Resolved*—That the committee consist of nine persons, namely:—Mr. Porteous, Mr. M'Gill, Mr. Desrivieres, Mr. LaRocque, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Garden, Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Peddie, Mr. Fleming, with authority to add to their number, and that five members constitute a quorum.

The Chairman having left the Chair.

*Resolved*—That the thanks of this meeting be given to Thomas Blackwood, Esquire, for his conduct in the Chair.

THOMAS BLACKWOOD, *Chairman.*

JOHN FLEMING, *Secretary.*

*Quebec, 8th October.*

On Tuesday the 3d inst. the following Address from William Henry, was presented to his Excellency the Governor in Chief, by Anthony Von Iffland, Esq.

To his Excellency George Earl of Dalhousie, Knight Grand Cross of