

No. 35.
Right Hon.
C. P. Thomson
to Lord John Russell.
November 25, 1839.

Enclosure No. 1.

Gentlemen,

Reply.

I thank you sincerely for your congratulations upon my arrival in this province.

I receive with pleasure the expression of your attachment to the British constitution and government, and of your desire to perpetuate the connexion between these provinces and Great Britain. You may feel assured that it is the firm determination of Her Majesty's government to preserve that connexion inviolate, and that it will be my most anxious endeavour to cement and strengthen it by every means in my power.

I shall devote my best attention to the commercial and agricultural interests of Upper Canada, and I shall be most happy if the practical knowledge of commercial matters, which I have acquired in the Mother Country, should enable me to devise means for removing its present embarrassments, and developing its great resources.

In the pursuance of these objects I shall be supported by the assurance of your cordial co-operation and that of the people of Upper Canada, without which my efforts would be ineffectual.

Enclosure 2 in No. 35.

ADDRESS FROM THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF TORONTO.

Enclosure No. 2.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles Poulett Thomson, one of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief over the provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the undersigned inhabitants of the City of Toronto and its vicinity, approach your Excellency to offer you our sincere congratulations on your appointment to the high and important office of Governor-General of British North America, and to assure your Excellency that it is our anxious desire to support your Excellency's administration.

In the appointment of a statesman of your Excellency's established reputation to the government of the Canadas, at this eventful crisis, we recognise a sincere desire on the part of her Majesty to promote the welfare of these important provinces.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to assure your Excellency of our cordial attachment to the person and government of our most gracious Sovereign, and of our anxious desire to strengthen the connexion which binds these colonies to our beloved Mother Country.

Reserving the time-honoured institutions which, owing to the wisdom and bravery of our ancestors, have become the inherent and inalienable right of British subjects, we earnestly desire to see the Colonial Government administered in accordance with the acknowledged principles of the British constitution.

Fully convinced that your Excellency will, while firmly maintaining the undisputed prerogatives of the Crown, respect the wishes and interests of her Majesty's loyal and attached subjects in this province, we again tender to your excellency the assurance of our anxious desire to afford you that assistance and co-operation on which your Excellency, with such earnest expressions of interest for the public welfare, so confidently relies.

(Signed) W. W. BALDWIN, and 1041 others.

Reply.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for your address and for the assurance of your support to my administration of the affairs of this province.

Whilst it is the firm determination of the Imperial Government to maintain inviolate the connexion between those colonies and the Parent State, it is no less their desire that the government of them should be conducted in harmony with the feelings of the people.

In the discharge of the duty confided to me by my Sovereign, it will be my anxious study to act upon these principles, and I receive with satisfaction the assurance of your readiness to assist and co-operate with me.

(No. 16.)

No. 36.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable C. POULETT THOMSON to LORD JOHN RUSSELL.

Toronto, December 6th, 1839.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of the 16th of October last, No. 20, on the subject of the tenure of office by the subordinate servants of the Crown in Canada.

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