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To His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel ARETAS
WILLIAM YOUNG, Lieutenant Governor
and Commander-in-Chief, in and over His
Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and its
Dependencies, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral,
and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

Your condescension in permitting the following humble attempt to benefit this rising and fertile Colony, to be dedicated to your Excellency, manifests that you feel not only a desire to discharge faithfully the duties attached to your high station, as the Representative of our patriotic King---but demonstrates also your earnest wish to advance the interests of the people committed to your Government, by making the capabilities of the Island more generally known, and thereby inducing to come among us, farmers who would be likely to advance our prosperity, by their practical knowledge, industry, and capital. This has been the single object of the writer, and he feels gratified that the gentlemen who have perused the manuscript have pronounced it to be a faithful delineation; and so far from exaggerating, some have considered it as not doing ample justice to the real advantages of Prince Edward Island.