

# REPORT ON PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS.

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## ADDRESS OF ASSEMBLY.

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*To His Excellency SIR GEORGE ARTHUR, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding Her Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

AY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the careful investigation which has been made into that branch of the public service, connected with the offices of the Provincial and Private Secretary, and for the zealous desire shewn by Your Excellency to put those Departments upon an effectual footing.

We beg leave to inform Your Excellency, that we are of opinion, that a similar investigation, and close scrutiny into the business, conduct and organization, of every other Public Department in the Province, will be productive of great advantage to the public service.

We therefore pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to employ some fit and disinterested person or persons, to make such an investigation and scrutiny as would enable them to report on the state of each Department, and to recommend such changes in the system of conducting the public duties, as they may think will be beneficial; and that their report should be transmitted to the Legislature at the next Session; and we assure Your Excellency that we will make good the necessary expenses attending such proceeding.

ALLAN N. MACNAB,

*Speaker.*

Commons House of Assembly,  
Ninth day of May, 1839.

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## HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

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GENTLEMEN :

This Address is most gratifying to me, and I shall, with great readiness, endeavour to comply with your wishes, by instituting an early investigation into the state of the several Public Departments under this Government, in order that a particular report of their actual conditions, with suggestions for such changes and improvements as they may appear to be susceptible of may be laid before the Legislature at the next Session.