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 Sir F. B. Head  
 to  
 Lord Glenelg,  
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which the Possession of Power instantly proved an unerring Touchstone. The Professors of Reform now stood forth as the undisguised Champions of Revolution. The Price of their Services was the Subversion of the Constitution. Your Ground was promptly taken; and in standing firmly by the Throne you roused the dormant Loyalty of those who hitherto were deluded by false Professions. To your able Exposure of the Designs of the Faction, and to your forcible Appeal to the good Sense of the People, are we now mainly indebted for the present Composition of an Assembly, industrious in improving the Resources of the Country, and intent on preserving our happy Connexion with Great Britain.

While in the full Enjoyment of this salutary Regeneration of our political Condition, the Revolt of the French Canadian Inhabitants of a neighbouring Province became the Signal for Rebellion in this. The deluded Adherents of "the Movement Party" rising in Arms to commit the most flagitious Acts of Treason, Arson, and Murder were in an Instant crushed by the overwhelming Power of our loyal Militia, under your Excellency's Auspices. The Flame which burst from the slumbering Embers of Sedition was in a Moment extinguished; and the Leaven of Iniquity, working for our Benefit, threw off the Impurities of the Mass, and purged Society of its foulest Ingredients.

The late hostile Interference of certain Citizens of a neighbouring State, till that Moment on Terms of the strictest Amity and Peace, is too recent to need Recital. This ungenerous and unprovoked Endeavour to carry War into our Border, by succouring a Band of the most flagitious Outlaws, has been frustrated in like Manner with the Attempt of our domestic Insurgents. "The Name of every Militiaman in Upper Canada" had not been invoked by your Excellency in vain, for the Arm of every loyal Canadian was quickly raised, to take that Vengeance which the Dispersion of the Invaders alone prevented.

This Aggression, made in defiance of the Laws of Nations, and in contempt of the Civil Authority, has furnished a salutary Lesson to the People of Upper Canada. It has taught them that Republican Institutions, hitherto held up by a Party amongst us as a Light to attract their Admiration, are in Truth a Beacon to warn them of the Quicksands surrounding Democracy. It has inspired them with increased Attachment to their own happy Condition, and afforded them a demonstrative Proof of their Strength to maintain our enviable Constitution inviolate, against foreign as well as domestic Invasion.

With these recent Examples of the working of Good out of Evil, by the all-wise Ruler of Nations, under whose supreme Guidance you have for Two Years held the Reins of our Government, we respectfully take leave of your Excellency, humbly expressing our Hope that your Excellency may receive at the Hands of our just and gracious Sovereign that Reward which your eminent Services have merited.

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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, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Townships of Ernest Town and Amherst Island, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Excellency, and express the Feelings of deep and unfeigned Regret with which we have learned that Circumstances have arisen that have induced your Excellency to tender your Resignation of the Government of this Province, and that such Resignation has been accepted by Her Majesty's Government; and we further beg leave to assure your Excellency that we duly appreciate and shall ever remember with Gratitude the many and great Advantages which the People of this Province have derived from your Excellency's able, firm, and impartial, although short Administration of the Government of this Province, under Circumstances of peculiar Difficulty and Danger; and we are firmly persuaded it is owing to the Wisdom, Energy, and Decision of your Excellency's Measures that an Opportunity has been afforded to the loyal Inhabitants of this Province to evince their strong and unalterable

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