

But this was not the case. The invitation was given in the name of the citizens, and unconditionally accepted; and the Council cannot but feel that the expectations of the people, after being raised by that formal acceptance, and by the Prince's promise to attend a ball to be given in his honor, have been arbitrarily disappointed, without good reason, moral, religious or political, but simply to meet the unreasonable demands of a small section of the citizens.

Neither the authorities nor the inhabitants were responsible for the acts of the Orangemen who visited Kingston on the fourth and fifth instant; and from so few of the large assemblage being residents of the city, the members of the Council could exercise little if any influence over them. And yet because these parties chose to assert their rights as British subjects and appear to greet their Prince in a peculiar costume, not contrary to the law, your Grace has caused a disappointment of the most poignant kind to thousands of Her Majesty's most devoted subjects assembled here, after months of eager expectation, to testify their loyalty to the throne and to give His Royal Highness a warm and affectionate welcome.

The Council cannot admit of any analogy between His Royal Highness landing in a town in Canada where Orange emblems were exhibited, and being a party to a similar scene in the North of Ireland, and in proof need only refer to your Grace's letter, which states that, whilst in this country, such a party display is legal, in Ireland it is the reverse. His Royal Highness could not, therefore, by any possibility, be made a party to an exhibition which, being illegal, could not occur. Nor can they see any similarity between the position of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, residing in Lower Canada, and with whom a special appointment to receive an Address, [the reading of which, by some accident had not been permitted in Montreal], and that of the citizens of Kingston, whose invitation, after being accepted, was now slighted, and their dearest hopes doomed to disappointment, because parties over whom they had no control thought proper to wear Orange ribbons and unfurl a flag bearing the likeness of a former King of England.

There appears, however, to be a great similarity between the course adopted by the Council of the counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, and that of the City Council; and this is natural, as in both cases Addresses welcoming His Royal Highness to Kingston would have been inappropriate, and might as well have been presented at St. James' as on the bosom of Lake Ontario.

The Council, without justifying the want of courtesy exhibited by the Orangemen, firmly believe that they were actuated by an earnest desire to do the Prince honor, and that the disappointment is all the keener to them because their efforts have been misunderstood and the display of the emblems which they conceive to be typical of their loyalty to the throne and their attachment to the Protestant faith made a reproach to them.

In conclusion, the Council desire to express their deep regret at the recent occurrences, and refer to the strenuous efforts made by them during the whole period of the late difficulty to induce the Orangemen to waive their rights and lay aside their regalia, so as to remove the difficulty which your Grace's decision has raised to His Royal Highness landing, as the best proof that they were not actuated by sympathy for the Orangemen in declining to present the Address on board the steamer, but by a due sense of the important trust committed to them by their fellow-citizens, and a determination that they would not by any act of theirs assume the responsibility or appear to sanction the sound-