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RELATIVE TO

THE AFFAIRS OF CANADA.

CANADA.

No. 1.

From Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin
and Kincardine to Earl Grey.

(No. 45.)

No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of
ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Montreal,
May 14, 1849.

MY LORD,

(Received May 23, 1849.)

I HAVE the honour to report that with slight interruptions tranquillity has prevailed in Montreal since the date of my last Despatches. The citizens of all parties begin to perceive that the trade of the town suffers seriously from rioting, and evince a determination to put a stop to it. The Government and Corporation are taking steps for the establishment of an efficient police, on the model of the force instituted by Lord Sydenham, which proved to be so useful. I consider this a very important measure, for it is undoubtedly objectionable that in cases such as the present, the friends of order should place their whole reliance on the military. All other parts of the country are perfectly quiet, and addresses continue to pour in from both sections of the province, expressive of confidence in my administration, and abhorrence of the outrages recently perpetrated in Montreal. I enclose a list of those already received.

2. That the course which I have taken with reference to the Rebellion Losses Bill has excited much irritation against me with a section of the Conservative party cannot I fear be doubted. I have reason also to believe from the extreme virulence and personality with which I have been attacked for some months past by a portion of the opposition press, that the neutrality which I observed during the late elections, and the frankness with which I accepted the ministry imposed on me by the choice of the people, have been deemed in certain quarters an unpardonable dereliction of duty. Nevertheless, I cannot but think that other motives must have conspired with these to induce the promoters of the recent disturbances to direct the hostility of the populace chiefly against me, to the exclusion of others more immediately responsible for the acts complained of.

The course taken by Mr. Papineau, who although he voted for the Rebellion Losses Bill has, in every instance since I sanctioned it, thrown his weight into the scale of the opposition, published letters, such as those of which I enclose copies; the former by a Mr. Brown, a leader in the rebellion; and the latter* by a gentleman, who was the head of the Montreal branch of the Irish Republican League, instituted last summer on this continent, and many other circumstances of a like character which it would be tedious to enumerate, point irresistibly to the conclusion, that among the prime agents in those disgraceful transactions were persons who had little sympathy in the ostensible objects of

* This letter has not been received.

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the rioters; but who, calculating on the disaffection produced among the commercial classes by free trade, and on the excitement of the moment, thought the occasion a favourable one for striking at the monarchical principle in the person of the representative of the Queen.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

Encl. 1 in No. 1.

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SCHEDULE OF ADDRESSES.

Roman Catholic clergy of Quebec.
Town of Niagara.
Town of Three Rivers.
Village of Trent Port.
County of Kamouraska.
City of Montreal.
Corporation of Montreal.
Canada Baptist Union.
City of Toronto.
City of Kingston.
Town of Cobourg.
Brockville.
Indians of London and western districts.
Repentigny, county of Leinster.
St. Anne d'Yamachiche.
Pointe du Lac.
St. David.
Rivière du Loup au bas.
Longueuil.
Lachine.
St. Antoine de la Baie.
Carlton-place Library and Mechanic's Institute.
Bathurst District.
County of Glengarry.
County of Leeds.
Township of Edwardsburgh.
Parish of St. Andrews.
Township of Wickham.
Longue Pointe.
Parish of Ste. Genevieve.
Prish of St. Flavien and Ste. Croix.

Encl. 2 in No. 1.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

EXTRACT from the "Pilot."

SINCE Mr. T. S. Brown is desirous to set himself right with his friends in the matter of his signature to the petition for the recall of Lord Elgin, we comply with his request, and insert his explanation of his motives. In one respect, he certainly is more honest than many of his fellow-requisitionists, since he admits he did so as a "distinct approval" of "riotous proceedings," and he sufficiently testifies his admiration of the "British practice" of pelting the Governor, smashing windows, &c. We heartily wish our opponents joy of their convert. Mr. T. S. Brown has not, however, condescended to explain in what manner his loyal feelings have been so acutely outraged in the payment of the rebellion losses, as set forth in the petition which he signed.

To the Editor of the Pilot.

SIR,

As you have deemed my signature to a petition for the recall of Lord Elgin of sufficient importance to demand a paragraph in your paper, I ask, in justice, to be allowed to state frankly, through the same channel, my reasons for so signing.

I signed that petition because there can now be no peace among us while Lord Elgin remains in the country, and peace is desirable for all.

I ask for the disallowance of the Rebellion Losses Bill, because if, as insisted by the Ministry, it be right and proper that parties implicated in the troubles be indemnified,

those who suffered most, the exiles to Bermuda and New South Wales, should be paid first. When a regiment mutinies, every tenth man is sometimes called out and shot, not because he is more guilty than others, but for example. So was an example made of many in Canada, who suffered vicariously for the assumed offences of the masses. To exclude those who had *paid the penalty*, not only of their own offence, but that of others, was mean and mincing, and I detest things mean or mincing, even in "Reformers." On the general principles of the Bill it would be bad taste for *me* to speak, I must be silent; but on this particular feature I am free.

I signed, moreover, as a distinct approval of what are called the "riotous proceedings," for the loyalists had promised to pelt the Governor, and I admired the spirit with which they carried out their determination. The native of a British American colony, I have, like others who have gone before me, a hereditary grudge against colonial governors, as a race who have never been pelted so often as they have deserved. Smashing windows and pelting obnoxious officials have been strictly "British practice" from time immemorial, and consequently may, as such, be considered part and parcel of "responsible government;" it is the only privilege secured to a minority.

I deplore most sincerely the recent destruction of property, but I cannot overlook that more value in property was annihilated by the Governor's sanction to the tariff at five o'clock than was destroyed by the mob at nine; because an Act which, instead of inviting capital and artisans to the country, drives away what we have; banishes that labour which makes property valuable.

I approve of the "proceedings" (apart from the destruction of property), because I believe them to be the commencement of the end, which will annihilate "responsible government" thoroughly and for ever in these provinces. And were the terrific consequences to be well-being of the people, attendant upon the continuance of this hideous conceit, as plain upon the vision of all as they are to me, we should consider the riddance cheaply purchased. We must have a government of law, not of "will." Each branch of the Legislature must be independent of the other, and executive powers must be separated from the legislative.

I am quite aware that my signing will offend many that I am always sorry to displease; but, appealing to their better judgment, I beg them to recollect that I entered the field of politics on the evening of the 21st May, 1832, and continued, like a knight-errant, battling for others, without seeking companionship or asking reward, at a time, too, when few of my own standing, with an English name, dared appear openly in the "Liberal" ranks of Lower Canada. The sacrifice of personal considerations was great; not one has suffered more in the game of politics than myself. English Liberals were scarce in Montreal when it cost something to be a Liberal. They are plentiful now, when the danger is past, and men are paid for being "Liberals."

On my return to the country, after nearly six years' absence in the far South—far away from a knowledge of passing events in Canada—I found a new shuffle and cut of the political cards. Men that I had left bitter enemies had become sworn friends; others left friends I found at daggers' points; and with antipathies against none, I have endeavoured to remain friends with all, without in any way interfering in the new disputes of (to me) new factions. Responsible government I denounce, not as a party question, but for its own inherent elements. The party in power cannot pretend to be my party of 1837. No; that party has ceased to exist, as a party; and, having joined no other, I imagine that no man has a right to question my exercise of my own best judgment in new issues, upon which I in no way stand committed. Occupied from early morning till late night in busy pursuits, far removed from mere party politics, I have no desire to see my name in print; but having been put there, I may, without presumption, define my own position. I have only time to play my own cards, and cannot follow the run of other people's.

I am, &c.,

Montreal, May 7, 1849.

T. S. BROWN.

(No. 50.)

No. 2.

No. 2.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Montreal,

May 21, 1849.

(Received June 5, 1849.)

MY LORD,

LITTLE has occurred during the past week that calls for special report from me. Parliament has continued its sittings without interruption, and got through a good deal of business. The peace of the city of Montreal has not been disturbed. It is, however, much to be feared that the members of some of the secret societies are organizing and arming themselves, and that there exists in certain quarters a determination to seize an early opportunity to make some desperate effort against the Government, though, with what precise object or in what cause, is not known. Of the spirit which animates the leaders in this movement, your Lordship may judge from the enclosed article

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in reference to a police force which the Government are now establishing for the protection of the city, which I have extracted from one of the organs of the party.

2. The difficulty of adopting measures of repression adequate to the emergency, at all times, when popular excitement runs high, great in a community constituted as this is, is grievously enhanced in the present instance by the attempt which has been made in certain quarters to make the Indemnity Bill a pretext for stirring a war of races. Had this malignant design been entertained only by persons within the province, it might have proved comparatively innocuous, but when English writers situated at a distance from the scene of strife and danger, seek by passionate appeals to rouse national antipathies among those of their fellow countrymen, whom British Legislation has united politically with a large population of different origin, it is only charity to hope that they have been unwittingly betrayed into a course of proceeding of which they do not justly appreciate the fearful consequences.

3. That more than one-third of the inhabitants of United Canada are of French descent, it is true. It is also true, that the Constitution of the province gives them the same rights and privileges as their brethren of British blood. But as they are numerically weaker, and as Lord Sydenham's representation scheme was notoriously not framed on their interest, it is obvious that wherever the British are as one among themselves, they have a preponderating weight in the councils of the province.

4. In the very teeth, however, of these facts, it has been contended on both sides of the Atlantic, that measures supported by three-fourths of the representatives of the people recently chosen under an electoral system most popular in its character have been carried in defiance of the wishes of the whole British population of the province, and the most outrageous assaults on constituted authority have been justified on this plea.

5. Conscious as I have ever been of its fallacy, I have, nevertheless, thought it better to endure any amount of personal indignity, than to have recourse to measures from which the design of pitting race against race could be inferred. So effectual have been the precautions taken on this head, that no retaliation has been exercised even by political adversaries upon the persons who have been recently guilty of acts of incendiarism in this city, or upon those who are regarded as their instigators. I have waited patiently until the British population of Upper Canada should have had the necessary time to pronounce in favour of law, order, and constitutional government. This it is now doing, with much unanimity and determination, and I trust that the effect will be salutary even on the most violent and misguided of the populace of Montreal. If measures of greater severity should unfortunately become necessary, at least they will not have been resorted to until all milder methods have been exhausted, and until it shall have been made apparent, that the question does not lie between race and race, but between the supporters of constitutional Government, and its implacable foes.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 2.

EXTRACT from a Canadian Newspaper.

Encl. in No. 2.

THE new paper which has been started in this city, entitled the "Moniteur Canadien," in the French language, congratulates the city and its inhabitants on the formation of a new police force, horse and foot, and thinks that this force of some one hundred men on foot, and fifty on horseback, will keep down what it is pleased to call the "Party Tory." Now, we beg to inform the "Moniteur Canadien," that men of British birth and blood, as the whole experience of history shows, are not the men to be coerced into anything; they will listen to the arguments of reason, but not to those of hard knocks; those who have at any time tried the conclusion of blows with the Anglo-Saxon race have, we rather think, come off second-best; if they have not, we shall thank our opponents to give us the instances, day and date. The truth of the matter is, that the British population of Montreal, supported, as it knows itself to be, by the rest of the country, does not care one straw for the Ministers, their partizan police, or any other force they may bring. Four thousand men of British blood and sinews, well armed and well ammunitioned, are not to be put down by a police force, and we can only say, from our experience in these matters, that to send a force of mounted police on undisciplined and hard-mouthed horses, into the midst of a mob, such as is that of Montreal, the most

desperate by many degrees that we have ever seen, is simply sending them to certain destruction. Any cavalry, the best disciplined in the world, is comparatively useless in the streets; they want open fields, plenty of room for their career, to be of any real use, but a half-trained squad of mounted men is the most helpless body that can be conceived; half of them at least would be unhorsed at the first attack of the mob. The reason is obvious; trained horses stand the fire of musketry, because they are used to it; the terror with them, if they have any, is of the noise of the discharge, not of the bullets, which they do not see; it is quite another thing with a shower of stones; the horses see the stones, as well as feel them, and they are naturally thrown into confusion. Such horses, untrained as they are, cannot be managed with one hand, like the horses of regular cavalry, and the rider also, half trained, has as much as he can do to stick to his seat, without any thought of using his weapons. The Government is just wasting the public money in organizing such a corps.

(No. 44.)

No. 3.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of
ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Montreal,

May 12, 1849.

(Received May 28, 1849.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, copies of addresses which have been received since those forwarded to your Lordship in my Despatch No. 42, of the 4th instant.

I have, &c.,

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

(Signed)

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

For Lord Elgin's Despatch, No. 42, of May 4, 1849, vide Papers relative to the Affairs of Canada, presented to Parliament by Her Majesty's Command, May 25, 1849, page 14.

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EXTRACT from the "Canada Gazette," dated May 8, 1849.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

ADDRESS

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned, the Archbishop, Bishop, and other members of the Catholic clergy of the city of Quebec, respectfully approach your Excellency to state that we have learned with deep regret the insult which has been offered to your Excellency by a faction in Montreal, and also the acts of Vandalism which have been committed against the place of meeting of the Legislative Assemblies.

We feel assured that our regret is shared by the immense majority of the inhabitants of Canada, who know how to appreciate the wisdom and justice which characterize your Excellency's Government.

We hasten to offer to your Excellency the testimony of our sympathy at the present moment, if it can afford your Excellency any compensation for the pain which those events must have occasioned you.

The firmness and moderation displayed by your Excellency after the deplorable events, which have taken place in the capital of the province led us to hope that it will have the effect of giving greater strength and stability to your Excellency's Government, and of preventing for the future the perpetration of such criminal acts.

We doubt not that your Excellency's just and impartial conduct in the present difficult emergency, will be fully appreciated by our august Sovereign, and receive Her gracious approbation.

We feel that we are warranted in affirming that the sentiments which are herein expressed are shared by all the other members of the clergy of this Diocese, and we doubt not that they, (in conjunction with those whose spiritual welfare is committed to their hauds,) will take an early opportunity of reiterating them to your Excellency.

(Signed)

Quebec, May 2, 1849.

+ Jos. ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC;
+ P. F. BISHOP OF SIDYME, Coadjutor of Quebec;
And 48 Signatures.

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REPLY.

To his Grace the Lord Archbishop, his Lordship the Bishop, and other members of the Catholic Clergy of the city of Quebec.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN :

I ACCEPT with great gratification the assurances of sympathy and devotion to our Gracious Queen which the Catholic clergy of the Archbishopric of Quebec have been pleased to address to me in the present circumstances. In administering the government of this province with impartiality and justice, I believe that I discharged a sacred duty, and I find in this sentiment a support which nothing can shake.

The acts of Vandalism which have been committed in the city of Montreal, have caused me the most profound regret, and are deserving of all reprobation. I trust, however, that all good subjects will unite their efforts to secure the maintenance of order and peace.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—TOWN OF NIAGARA.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Niagara, beg leave to approach your Excellency with an expression of the utmost confidence in your Excellency's Administration, and of our unqualified detestation of the course recently pursued by the mob at the seat of Government, which resulted in the destruction of the Houses of Parliament and other acts of outrage.

We sincerely trust your Excellency will long continue to rule over us, and that the enemies of order and law may speedily be suppressed and confounded.

[Here follow 150 Signatures.]

Niagara, May 2, 1849.

REPLY.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Niagara.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE received with sincere gratification your address expressive of confidence in my Administration, and of your unqualified detestation of the course recently pursued by the mob at the seat of Government, which resulted in the destruction of the Houses of Parliament and other acts of outrage.

You may rest assured that no exertion will be wanting on my part to preserve peace and order, and to secure for the people of Canada the blessing of Constitutional Government.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF THREE-RIVERS.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned, loyal and faithful subjects of Her Majesty, inhabitants of the town of Three-Rivers, respectfully beg permission to inform your Excellency, that we have learned with sentiments of deep regret and indignation of the outrage committed on your Excellency, and the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of this province, and the other disgraceful acts of Vandalism, of which the city of Montreal has lately been the theatre.

We believe it to be our duty under the present circumstances, to rally round the constituted authorities, and to testify to your Excellency personally, and as the representative of our beloved and Gracious Sovereign, how deeply we deplore the outrage which has been offered to you while discharging the high functions which Her Majesty has been pleased to confer on you.

We believe it also to be our duty to express to your Excellency the entire confidence which

the inhabitants of this town, as well as those of the province in general, have in your Excellency's Government and in the ministers whom your Excellency has chosen to assist in the administration of the affairs of this province, and we hope that your Excellency will find in the loyalty, love of order, esteem and respect for your Excellency's person, of the immense majority of the inhabitants of the province, ample compensation for the deplorable and scandalous events which have recently occurred in Montreal.

[Here follow 640 Signatures.]

Three-Rivers, April 30, 1849.

REPLY.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Three-Rivers.

GENTLEMEN :

THE sentiments of kindly feeling and loyalty towards our beloved Queen, which the inhabitants of the town of Three-Rivers testify in their address, afford me the most lively satisfaction. Sincerely do I deplore the scenes of violence of which the city of Montreal has lately been the theatre. I rely with entire confidence in the support of all the friends of order, and I desire to see all classes of citizens united by the bonds of peace and love.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

ADDRESS.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the village of Trent Port, in the Newcastle district, and others, have heard with feelings of deep sorrow and indignation the proceedings of a mob of riotous and disorderly persons, who have destroyed in a wanton manner the Houses of Parliament and public records of the province.

At such a moment of excitement we feel it to be due to ourselves to assure your Excellency of our devoted loyalty and attachment to the person and Government of our beloved Sovereign, and of our earnest desire to preserve the connexion with Great Britain.

We further beg to express to your Excellency our deep sense of the justice and impartiality which has uniformly characterized the constitutional government of your Excellency, and also our unabated confidence in your Excellency's constitutional advisers.

[Here follow 103 Signatures.]

Town of Trent Port, River Trent, 5th May, 1849.

REPLY.

To the Inhabitants of Trent Port, in the Newcastle district.

GENTLEMEN :

IT gives me sincere pleasure to receive the address, in which the inhabitants of Trent Port, in the Newcastle district, renew, at this period of excitement, the assurance of their devoted loyalty and attachment to the person and Government of our beloved Sovereign, and of their earnest desire to preserve the connexion with Great Britain.

It is very gratifying to me to find that the great body of the intelligent people of Canada approve of the course of justice and impartiality which I have hitherto followed, and in which it is my firm purpose, God willing, to persevere.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a most numerous and indisputably one of the most respectable ever held in this county, hastily called immediately after the arrival of the news of the hideous riot at Montreal, brought by the newspapers arrived here on Saturday, the 28th instant, and to which hastened all the notability and a great number of the principal inhabitants of the several parishes of this populous country, held at the door of the West Public Hall of the parsonage of Kamouraska (the place being found too limited to admit the assembled crowd), on Sunday, the 29th instant, at 5 p.m. :

Pierre Thomas Casgrain, Esq., lieutenant-colonel of militia and seignior of Rivière Ouelle, was called to the Chair; Majors Vincent Dubé, of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière, and Cyprien LeBel, of Kamouraska, were appointed Vice-Presidents; and Jean Charles Chapais, J.P., of St. Denis, and Ovide Martineau, notary, of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière, Esqrs., requested to act as Secretaries.

The object of the meeting having been explained, the following Resolutions were proposed, and unanimously adopted:—

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On motion of Charles Hilaire Têtu, Esq., major of militia, Rivière Ouelle, seconded by Louis Miller, Esq., merchant of Kamouraska :—

Resolved, 1.—That the meeting has learnt with the greatest surprise and the most vivid indignation, by yesterday's newspapers, the news of the scandalous scenes of which the capital of Canada has just been the theatre.

On motion of Alexander Fraser, Esq., notary, of St. André, seconded by Joseph Hudon, Esq., merchant, of St. Paschal :—

Resolved, 2.—That this meeting cannot find expressions strong enough to mark the cowardly conduct of the self-called loyalists of Montreal, who have had the audacity to commit so gross insults and outrages against the worthy representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and when in the exercise of one of the highest functions of his charge.

On motion of David Solyme Marquis, Esq., physician, of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière, seconded by Joseph René Beaulieu, Esq., physician, of St. Denis :—

Resolved, 3.—That we feel the most lively and sincere sympathy for his Excellency Lord Elgin, our worthy Governor, his influential Cabinet, the honourable the Legislative Councillors and liberal members of the Assembly, for their just, firm, and independent conduct on that circumstance.

On motion of Thomas Michaud, Esq., physician, of Kamouraska, seconded by Thomas LeBel, Esq., farmer of the same place :—

Resolved, 4.—That the burning of our Legislative House, and still more the destruction of the two provincial libraries, and of the precious documents of all kinds belonging to the archives of the province, deposited therein, are acts unworthy of men living in an enlightened age like the present, and such as will cover their authors with the deepest ignominy, and assimilate them to those hordes of barbarians who, in remote centuries, burnt the valuable library of Alexandria.

On motion of Vincelas Taché, Esq., seignior of St. Paschal, seconded by Josaphat Bouchard, Esq., captain of militia of Rivière Ouelle :—

Resolved, 5.—That this meeting most pressingly invite his Excellency the Governor-General and the Legislative Chambers immediately to remove to Quebec, the ancient capital of Canada, where a Parliament House is ready, and where, especially, they will be out of the reach of the furious men who have shown their audacity at the seat of Government.

On motion of J. B. Martin, Esq., notary, of St. Paschal, seconded by Pierre Dessaint, Esq., merchant, of Kamouraska :—

Resolved, 6.—That the manifest of the British American League, addressed to the inhabitants of Canada, which has just been published in the newspapers, is a document which would be particularly remarkable for the ridicule by which it is characterized, did it not moreover contain principles as destructive of the franchises and liberty of the great majority of the inhabitants of this province, as insulting to their character as British subjects.

On motion of Honoré St. Torrie, Esq., notary of St. Denis, seconded by Major Desjardins, of Kamouraska :—

Resolved, 7.—That should there be a repetition of the scenes which have carried disorder and destruction in the city of Montreal, this meeting think it to be their duty publicly to express the firm determination of all the loyal inhabitants of this county to co-operate, by all means in their power, to the maintenance of good order and public peace in this province.

On motion of Augustin Martineau, Esq., J. P. of St. Anne de la Pocatière, seconded by Paschal Dumais, Esq., notary, of Kamouraska :—

Resolved, 8.—That far from being intimidated by the nefarious and villainous acts of those infuriated men, carried away by national hatred, we entertain the confident hope that our statesmen, the representatives of the people, will insist the more in completing the business of this session.

On motion of Joseph Garon, Esq., Notary, of St. Denis, seconded by Louis Frenette, Esq., Commissioner of Small Causes, of Rivière Ouelle :—

Resolved, 9.—That this meeting has considered with the greatest scorn and the most grounded indignation, the unqualifiable conduct of Sir A. McNab, in his proposition to the Legislative Assembly, to appropriate, in repairing the acts of unheard iniquity of the incendiaries of our Parliament House, the 100,000*l.* granted as an indemnity for the losses suffered during the rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

On motion of Valence Garon, Esq., merchant, of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière, seconded by Charles Letellier, Esq., merchant, of Rivière Ouelle :—

Resolved, 10.—That the liberal press of this country deserves our thanks, on this painful and unhappy circumstance, for its feeling of reprobation of the act of Vandalism which has just defiled the new capital of Canada, and for its expressions of true loyalty and sincere attachment towards our Gracious Sovereign, and Her worthy representative in this colony, as contained in its last columns, and that it be requested to publish the present resolutions.

On motion of Louis Beaupré, Esq., merchant, of St. Paschal, seconded by François Casgrain, Esq., seigneur de la Rivière Ouelle :—

Resolved, 11.—That this meeting takes the present opportunity to express its approbation to Pierre C. Marquis, Esq., our representative, and to the honourable Amable Dionne and Jean Bte. Taché, our two legislative councillors, for their conduct in Parliament.

On motion of Thomas Bechard, Esq., notary, of St. Denis, seconded by Ludger Têtu, Esq., physician, of Rivière Ouelle :—

Resolved, 12.—That the Chairman of this meeting be instructed to transmit copy of these Resolutions to our representatives, with request to present them to his Excellency and the three branches of the Legislature.

The Chairman having left the Chair, Major LeBel was called to take it; and, on motion of Dr. Déchéne, of St. Paschal, seconded by Alexis Gagné, Esq., merchant, of Kamouraska:—

Resolved, 13.—That thanks are due to the Chairman, Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries, for their conduct at this meeting.

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| (Signed) | P. T. CASGRAIN, | <i>Chairman.</i> |
| | VINCENT DUBE, | } <i>Vice-Presidents.</i> |
| | CYPRIEN LEBEL, | |
| | J. CHS. CHAPAIS, | } <i>Secretaries.</i> |
| | OVIDE MARTINEAU, | |

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EXTRACT from the "Canada Gazette," dated May 10, 1849.

CITY OF MONTREAL.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the undersigned inhabitants of the city of Montreal, approach your Excellency with renewed assurances of our devoted loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's person and Government, and of our anxious desire to maintain inviolate the connexion so happily subsisting between this province and the great empire of which it is an important dependency.

In common with the great majority of our fellow subjects both in Upper and Lower Canada, we have most cordially approved of your Excellency's administration of the government of this province, from the period of your assumption of its highly important duties to the present time. Your Excellency has on all occasions lent your powerful aid to promote the material interests of the people whom you have been called upon to govern. Agricultural associations, railway enterprises, educational establishments, mechanics' institutes, have found in your Excellency their most powerful advocate, and we have felt grateful for the exertions which your Excellency has made to induce the imperial authorities to adopt measures calculated to promote, our commercial interests, to develop the great resources of our country, and to facilitate the settlement of our waste lands. We have observed with the highest satisfaction, that while your Excellency has been the most prominent advocate of all the material interests of the country, in the promotion of which the people of all creeds, parties, and races are able to unite, you have abstained from identifying yourself with local party politics. Imitating the example of our beloved Sovereign, your Excellency has been truly the father of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects. Without reference to their peculiar political views, your Excellency has given a cordial and constitutional support to successive administrations whose policy has obtained the sanction of the Parliament of the country. Such being our deliberate opinion of your Excellency's administration of the Government of this province, we have observed with pain and regret that at a moment of great excitement, when the public peace and tranquillity was disturbed by a mob of rioters, an informal public meeting was held in this city, at which an address to Her Majesty to recall your Excellency was adopted. We beg to assure your Excellency that the great majority of the citizens of Montreal, dissent entirely from the opinions expressed at the meeting referred to; and are prepared to give to your Excellency their cordial support in administering the Government, as you have done hitherto, on constitutional principles, with justice and impartiality, and in maintaining public order, and respect for the laws and the Parliament of the province. We cannot find language strong enough to express our abhorrence of the conduct of the perpetrators and abettors of the outrages which have lately been committed in this city, the most prominent of which were the insult offered to Her Majesty in the person of your Excellency, and the destruction of the building occupied as the parliament house, with the valuable libraries of the two houses, and the public records. We feel strongly that our city has been disgraced by these outrages, but we trust that your Excellency will believe that the conduct of the rioters is viewed with general detestation.

[Here follow 7,686 signatures.]

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I THANK you for coming forward at this conjuncture to renew the assurance of your devoted loyalty and attachment to the person and Government of Her Majesty, and of your sincere desire to maintain inviolate the connexion subsisting between this province and the empire of which it forms a part.

On the day on which I assumed the government of the province, I received an Address from the inhabitants of Montreal, in which it was stated that the knowledge acquired in public life by me as a member of the Imperial Parliament and in other situations of high trust, justified the confident and pleasing hope that in the discharge of my important functions as Governor of the province, I should be guided by those constitutional principles which are familiar to British

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statesmen, and I observed in my reply, that it would be my study and anxious endeavour to verify these pleasing anticipations, by manifesting a due regard for the wishes and feelings of the people, and seeking the advice and assistance of those who enjoy their confidence. To this pledge I have constantly adhered in administering the Government, and I cannot wonder that you should approve of a course of conduct which is but the fulfilment of a desire unanimously expressed on that solemn occasion by the citizens of Montreal.

In encouraging to the utmost mechanics' institutes, agricultural associations, and educational establishments, and promoting by all other means in my power the material interests of the province, I have performed a duty most agreeable to myself—inasmuch as I have found in these pursuits the only relief I have ever sought from the more oppressive cares of my situation.

I trust that the sad outrages of which the city of Montreal has been recently the theatre, will not again be renewed, and that harmony will be maintained between the citizens of all classes and parties—and while I deeply lament with you that insults should have been offered to the representative of our Queen, I would fain discover some consolation in the belief that by drawing on myself the storm of popular violence, I may have prevented a yet more dread calamity—the breaking out of strife between those who ought to dwell together as brethren—inhabitants of the same land—subjects of the same Queen—and children of the same Father who is in heaven.

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

CORPORATION OF MONTREAL.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL,

TAKE the liberty of approaching your Excellency to express their indignation at the outrage offered to your Excellency by unprincipled men, on the 25th ultimo, when in the exercise of the royal prerogative and the performance of your Excellency's constitutional duties; and the renewal of a similar outrage on the 30th of the same month.

The Council of the city of Montreal pray your Excellency to accept the assurance of their sympathy and respect, and the high regard so justly due to your personal qualities and administration.

The Council of the city of Montreal, as the legitimate organ of its citizens, indignantly disclaim and deeply deplore the misconduct springing out of the ignorance, passion and unduteous disregard of individuals which has for the first time in its annals cast a foul stain upon our city.

And to atone as far as may be for the injury done to your Excellency, the City Council beg your Excellency will accept this apologetic expression of their feelings, and the assurance of their unabated attachment to the persons of our most Gracious Sovereign and your Excellency as her fitting representative in this province.

And the Council will never cease to pray for the continued health and happiness of your Excellency.

(Signed)

E. R. FABRE, Mayor.

Montreal, May 7, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I THANKFULLY receive the expressions of sympathy and respect which you tender to me. I am confident that there can be but one opinion among men of good sense and right feeling with respect to the outrages committed against the representative of the Queen when engaged in the performance of his duties.

In accepting the apologies which you offer for the indignities which I have sustained personally, I beg further to assure you that I retain no other recollection of them but a desire that the perpetrators and their abettors should be brought to sentiments more befitting the members of a civilized community and the subjects of a constitutional government.

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

CANADA BAPTIST UNION.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

As the Executive Committee of the Canada Baptist Union, we hasten to present our loyal and dutiful address, and to testify our indignation at the aggravated insults offered to

your Excellency, in the discharge of your high duties, as the representative of Her Gracious Majesty, and at the lasting disgrace and irreparable injury inflicted on this city and on the country at large by the riots and arson which have been perpetrated in the sacred name of loyalty.

We beg to assure your Excellency of our highest respect for the justice and impartiality with which you have carried out those principles of constitutional government which will secure to these colonies all the rights of British subjects, as well as the honour and profit of British connexion.

Permit us also, acting as a religious body, to express our satisfaction with the University Bill and other useful measures introduced by your Excellency's present advisers, whom we honour as the tried friends of religious liberty and equality.

We may be allowed to add, that the sentiments now expressed are shared in, we believe, by more than 40,000 Baptists in this province.

By Order,
(Signed)

BENJ. DAVIES, Chairman.
J. GIRDWOOD, Secretary.

Montreal, May 3, 1849.

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GENTLEMAN,

Government House, Montreal, May 8, 1849.

I DEEPLY lament the excesses of which the city of Montreal has been lately the theatre, and I earnestly hope that, by the co-operation of all good men, harmony will be restored, and the injury done to the trade of the city speedily repaired.

The alacrity with which you have come forward at this crisis to express your sense of the justice and impartiality with which I have carried out the principles of constitutional Government, gives me very sincere gratification. You may rest assured that I shall steadily adhere to that course of conduct which alone can, I firmly believe, secure to the inhabitants of these colonies all the rights of British subjects, as well as the honour and profit of British connexion.

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

To the Executive Committee of the Canada Baptist Union.

TORONTO.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, inhabitants of the city of Toronto, beg leave to express to your Excellency our utter abhorrence of the outrageous insult offered to the sovereignty of our beloved Queen in your Excellency's person, as Her representative, and to the majesty of the law, in the late attack on the Parliament in session—the destruction of the legislative hall, and the public records of the province.

In the passage through the legislature of the Bill, your Excellency's assent to which, in Her Majesty's name, has been made the pretext for incendiarism, and outrage little short of treason, every form known to the Constitution was complied with, and in giving the Royal Assent to that Bill, we recognize your Excellency's compliance with the principles of the Constitution guaranteed to us by the faith of the Imperial Parliament, upon the union of these provinces.

While we readily admit the right of every man to vindicate his honest opinions in a firm and constitutional manner, we rejoice that your Excellency has not suspended the Constitution in deference to an agitation, the tone and character of which, we emphatically pronounce to have been unwarranted by anything which transpired during the discussion of the measure either in or out of Parliament.

Your Excellency's conduct in the administration of the Government from your arrival in this province, has deservedly obtained the confidence of all the lovers of peace, order, and free constitutional government: whatever party has been in power, your Excellency has ever held the balance of the Constitution with a firm and equal hand, giving an admirable example of justice and impartiality in the exercise of your Excellency's high office, under the system of Government rightly conceded to us by our Most Gracious Sovereign.

We cannot refrain from expressing our admiration of the calm and dignified deportment exhibited by your Excellency in the midst of the violent and outrageous attacks upon your Excellency's person; and while we trust that the well-disposed and peaceable members of the community will put themselves into the breach to prevent the effusion of blood, we beg to assure your Excellency that the late riotous proceedings in Montreal meet with unqualified execration of an overwhelming majority of the people of Upper Canada.

We take this opportunity of declaring our conviction that, to deprive us of the constitutional system which we now so happily enjoy, is the object of those who seek the recal of your Excel-

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lency, and the dissolution of Parliament, and having confidence in the advisers of your Excellency who are supported by a majority in the Parliament, so lately returned by three-fourths of the inhabitants of this province, we feel assured that your Excellency will be sustained by our Most Gracious Sovereign.

[Here follow 2,370 Signatures.]

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I RECEIVE your truly loyal and patriotic address, with feelings of the most sincere gratification. I regard it as a most auspicious circumstance that the great body of the inhabitants of Upper Canada should come forward at the present crisis to express their abhorrence of violence and anarchy, and their determination to uphold constitutional government in its integrity.

That legislative measures should be so framed as to give unqualified satisfaction to all the members of a large community is hardly to be expected. Everything that is reasonable should be done to achieve this result, but complete success is manifestly unattainable. Political society must therefore pass through a series of convulsions to dissolution unless minorities, when constitutional means of opposition are exhausted, be willing to acquiesce in the determination of majorities expressed through their accredited organs.

Had you not so pointedly referred to it, I should not have alluded to the fact, that petitions are in course of preparation, soliciting my recall. I admit to the fullest extent the right of petition, and all I can say on that head is, that if such petitions are transmitted through me, they shall be forwarded with the request that they be laid respectfully at the foot of the throne.

I am conscious of no other motive in the conduct which I have pursued during my administration of the Government, but a desire to do my duty to my Sovereign, and to the people of the province. I am confident that ere long justice will be done, not only to my intentions, but also to the wishes of my policy: for I have a profound conviction, that situated as this colony is I best secure not only the liberty of the subject but also the prerogative of the Crown, by co-operating cordially with Parliament in the work of legislation, and acting, not blindly nor passively, but frankly and resolutely on the advice of those who have its confidence.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

CITY OF KINGSTON.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the undersigned inhabitants of the city of Kingston, in the Midland District, in that part of the province of Canada heretofore called Upper Canada, beg leave respectfully to express to your Excellency our sincere regret at the wanton and wicked manner in which the honour and dignity of Her Majesty's person and Crown have been insulted in your Excellency's person at the city of Montreal, by a lawless and excited mob, instigated, as we believe, by wicked and factious men.

We further beg to express our sorrow that any number of men could be found in this province, having so little respect for law and order, and the institutions under which we live, as to insult the person of the Queen's representative for exercising in a fearless manner, a constitutional right.

We further beg to express our abhorrence of the wicked and atrocious conduct of the men who instigated an infuriated mob to burn the houses occupied by the Provincial Parliament and the public library; and we sincerely trust that the strong arm of the law will be exerted to bring the offenders to justice.

We assure your Excellency that the little excitement now existing in the province is principally confined to villages and towns, where a small and disappointed minority have excited the same; but that the yeomanry of the country, and the great body of the Canadian people, remain loyal, dutiful, and attached to Her Majesty's person and Government.

We finally beg to express our high sense and approbation of the impartial, constitutional, and enlightened manner in which your Excellency has discharged the important functions of your high office since your arrival amongst us; and that our opinions remain unchanged, notwithstanding the clamouring of men whose deeds are now covered with crimes, outrage and violence; and we feel satisfied that your Excellency will continue to pursue the same constitutional course as heretofore, feeling assured that Her Majesty's Government as well as the great body of the people of this province, will firmly uphold your Excellency in the discharge of your difficult and arduous duties. The manly patriotic and courageous bearing of your Excellency in the time of trial and danger in connexion with your liberal policy, has endeared your Excellency to the great body of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects in Canada.

And we hereby pledge ourselves to use every constitutional means within our power to sustain the prerogative of the Crown, and to maintain inviolate the constitution under which we have the happiness to live.

[Here follow 1,000 Signatures.]

REPLY of His Excellency the Governor General to the Address from the Inhabitants of the City of Kingston.

GENTLEMEN,

THE manly and patriotic sentiments expressed in your Address afford me the most sincere gratification.

The love of order and the love of true liberty are congenial affections. I cannot wonder that they should find a home in the hearts of the great body of the inhabitants of Canada.

As respects myself, the path of duty is plainly marked out before me; and if it be sometimes rugged, I have no reason to complain. I am constrained alike by a regard to the commands of my Queen, and to the best interests of the colony, to administer its government on constitutional principles. By this rule my conduct has hitherto been regulated. I am not conscious of having in any single instance deviated from it; and to it I am resolved consistently to adhere.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

COBOURG.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Cobourg, beg leave at the present crisis, to assure Your Excellency of our devoted attachment to our most Gracious Sovereign the Queen, and to your Excellency as Her Majesty's representative in this province.

At the same time we cannot refrain from expressing our indignation and regret at the scenes of outrage and violence which the seat of Government has recently exhibited, in the destruction of property, public and private, and in the ruthless violence offered to the person of your Excellency—outrages which were as unprovoked as they are disgraceful, and which nothing can either palliate or justify.

We beg further to assure your Excellency that the course of justice and impartiality invariably pursued by your Excellency, in the discharge of the duties of your high position, has won the respect and gratitude of a vast majority of the inhabitants of this province; and that your Excellency may confidently rely upon the good sense and loyalty of the people to sustain your Excellency in asserting the supremacy of the laws, and in the maintenance and preservation of peace and good order throughout the province.

[Here follow 653 Signatures.]

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

THESE assurances of your attachment to our Gracious Queen, and regard to myself personally, afford me the most sincere gratification.

I shall continue to walk steadily in that path of justice and impartiality in which I have hitherto trod with a firm determination to maintain peace and good order throughout the province, confidently relying on the good sense and loyalty of the great body of the people, of which I receive from all quarters the most cheering proofs.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

TOWN OF BROCKVILLE.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the town of Brockville, humbly beg leave to approach your Excellency for the purpose of expressing our unfeigned regret at the indignity offered to your Excellency, and through your Excellency, as Her Majesty's representative, to our Most Gracious Queen, by the unbecoming display made in our town, on the night of Saturday last, countenanced by a few individuals, who cannot plead ignorance as a palliation of their unjustifiable conduct.

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We would also express to your Excellency our abhorrence of the recent outrageous attack at Montreal on the representatives of the people, while engaged in solemn deliberation, and the diabolical destruction of the Parliament building, and with it of the valuable library and records of the Legislature of our country, acts which inflict an indelible stain on the character of the province, insult the good sense and peaceable disposition of the great bulk of its inhabitants, and will we fear tend to injure the public credit, and retard public and private enterprise and improvement.

We deeply sympathise with the injured feelings of your Excellency under the gross insults which have lately been given to your Excellency by lawless assemblies of individuals at Montreal, instigated by those who can be actuated by no other motive than the most reprehensible hostility to your Excellency, for the highly commendable and firm determination which your Excellency has at all times manifested, irrespective of party politics, to fulfil the earnest desire of our beloved Sovereign, that the administration of the government of the province, in reference to our local affairs, should be carried on in accordance with the wishes of its inhabitants, constitutionally expressed through their representatives in Parliament, and a determination which has earned for your Excellency the lasting gratitude of the people of Canada.

We moreover beg to assure your Excellency of our warm attachment to her Majesty and the crown of Great Britain, and of our entire confidence in your Excellency, and your Excellency's advisers, in the provincial Government, and in your and their desire to promote the happiness and welfare of the country.

That your Excellency may long continue to reside among us, and, unawed by faction, to administer the government of Canada with the decision and impartiality which have hitherto characterized your Excellency's administration, is our most ardent prayer.

[Here follow 240 Signatures.]

REPLY of his Excellency the Governor-General to the Address from the Inhabitants of Brockville.

GENTLEMEN,

I SINCERELY thank you for the alacrity with which you have come forward at this crisis to renew the assurance of your devotion to our Gracious Queen, and to protest against the outrages to which Her Majesty's representative and the two Houses of Parliament have been exposed in the discharge of their high duties. Regular government ceases to be possible if such acts can be perpetrated with impunity.

It is my firm belief that the real interests of Canada require that its Government should be conducted on constitutional principles.

In the path, therefore, which duty marks out for me I shall continue, with God's help, steadily to walk undeterred either by menace or insult.

LONDON AND WESTERN DISTRICTS.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

GREAT FATHER :

IN our hearts we shake you by the hand, and we thank the Great Spirit that he has preserved you amidst the storm of popular excitement.

GREAT FATHER :

Your Red Children have no participation in the making or administration of the laws, but they have been taught obedience, and to fear God and honour the powers that be.

GREAT FATHER :

Your Red Children have stepped side by side the red coats in defence of Our Sovereign, and we are ready to do so again, Father. Your voice is strong; command, and we are ready to obey.

GREAT FATHER :

It delights our eyes to behold the British flag floating in the breeze. We will protect it with our lives, and hover around it to the last.

Father, farewell, we pray to the Great Spirit to protect and preserve you.

[Here follow 8 Signatures.]

In behalf of the chiefs and warriors of the London and Western districts.

30th April, 1849.

Certified, F. B. CLENCH,
Superintendent Indian Affairs.

REPLY.

CHILDREN :

I THANK you from my heart for the words of kindness which you have spoken.

I well know how sincere is your respect for the powers that be, and how ready you are when duty calls to step beside the red coats, and to protect the flag of Great Britain.

I trust, however, and pray that the blessing of peace may long continue to be enjoyed by you. That you may dwell undisturbed in your quiet homes, practising the arts of agriculture and civilised life, that you may be prosperous and happy as your white brethren.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

REPENTIGNY, COUNTY OF LEINSTER.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned, faithful subjects of Her Majesty, inhabitants of the parish of Repentigny, in the county of Leinster, beg respectfully to approach your Excellency to express our just indignation at the grievous burning of the Parliament buildings in the city of Montreal, on the night of the 25th of April last, by a licentious and ferocious mob, unworthy of forming part of a people, and of enjoying that liberty which is common to mankind. An event which is without record in the history of the world as occurring in a time of profound peace.

We sincerely make protestation of our loyalty and inviolable attachment to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and to Her just, liberal, and paternal Government, which we are ready to defend against all outrages and crimes even of the blackest dye.

We entirely, and without any restrictions, approve of the constitutional administration of the Government of this province by your Excellency since your arrival in the country, and we are determined firmly to support and sustain your Excellency, by every constitutional means, in the administration of the Government of this province.

We desire to state our abhorrence of the atrocious and barbarous acts of Vandalism of the 25th of April last, and shamefully repeated since. We declare that these acts are of a nature to sap and subvert all government, and it is therefore that we are determined to employ all the means in our power promptly to repress such unheard of acts of violence, of maintaining and causing to be respected in this province, order, the laws, the constitution, and peace: We are also prepared and ready to leave our houses and all that is most dear to us, to fly to the succour of Government, to answer any appeal that may be made to us for its defence and maintenance. And in assuring your Excellency of our feelings of thankfulness and of gratitude, we beg you also to believe that we will ever address our supplications and prayers to Heaven for the preservation of the health and prosperity of your Excellency and of your noble lady.

[Here follow 61 Signatures.]

Repentigny, 5th May, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 8, 1849.

THE Governor-General has received with pleasure your protestations of loyalty and of attachment towards our Gracious Sovereign and of Her Government, and with thankfulness the unqualified approbation contained in your address of the administration of the provincial government by his Excellency since his arrival in this country, as well as the expression of your determination to support his Excellency in the constitutional course which he has traced out for himself.

His Excellency trusts that the similar manifestations which he is receiving from all quarters, will have the effect of opening the eyes of those who may still have the intention of troubling the public peace and order.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

To the Inhabitants of the parish of Repentigny.

STE. ANNE D'YAMACHICHE.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF THREE-RIVERS.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned freeholders, inhabitants of the parish of Ste. Anne d'Yamachiche, in the county of St. Maurice, respectfully approach your Excellency to express our indignation

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on the subject of the insults unheard of in our country, to which the representative of Her Majesty has been subjected, and of the act of Vandalism, without example in the annals of a civilized people, against the place of meeting of the Legislative Assemblies where was deposited under the protection of the public honour, the archives of the legislature, and one of the finest literary and scientific collections on the continent of America, and which had already become the just pride of the province.

We pray that your Excellency will accept the expression of the sentiments of gratitude which have penetrated our hearts for the just, impartial, firm, and constitutional conduct which has so pre-eminently distinguished the government of your Excellency.

We, moreover, believe it to be our duty to assure your Excellency that we are firmly decided and resolved to support your Excellency in all efforts to maintain order and the public peace; and that on the first appeal, our loyal and valorous youth will hasten to range themselves around your Excellency and the British flag; proud on such an occasion of showing how much your Excellency has rendered dear to us the ties which bind us to the empire.

We are convinced that the last events which have stained the annals of the city of Montreal (being of a character eminently seditious and of evident revolutionary tendency), will necessarily, if the spirit which induced them is not promptly stifled, lead to anarchy and a violent rupture of the tie which unites this colony to the British empire; an event which we pray God to avert.

We beg to assure your Excellency that the moral assistance of all our population is devoted to your administration, and our physical assistance may be relied on in case of need.

[Here follow 617 Signatures].

Ste. Anne d'Yamachiche, 5th May, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 9, 1849.

I AM commanded by the Governor-General to express to you how much his Excellency is gratified by the address which, under the present circumstances, you have presented to him, in which you declare so warmly the loyalty and devotion to the British Crown which animates you. It is a subject of lively satisfaction to his Excellency to understand from you that he has rendered dear to you the ties which unite you to the empire, and he begs that you will accept the expression of his thanks for your approval of his conduct in the administration of the government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. LESLIE.

To the Inhabitants of the parish of Ste. Anne d'Yamachiche,
in the County of St. Maurice.

POINTE DU LAC.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF THREE-RIVERS.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the undersigned freeholders, inhabitants of Pointe du Lac, in the county of St. Maurice, in the district of Three-Rivers, respectfully approach your Excellency to express our indignation on the subject of the insults unheard of in our country, to which the representative of Her Majesty has been subjected, and of the act of Vandalism, without example in the annals of a civilized people, against the place of meeting of the Legislative Assemblies, where was deposited, under the protection of the public honour, the archives of the legislature, and one of the finest literary and scientific collections on the continent of America, and which had already become the just pride of the province.

We pray that your Excellency will accept the expression of the sentiments of gratitude which have penetrated our hearts for the just, impartial, firm, and constitutional conduct which has so pre-eminently distinguished the government of your Excellency.

We, moreover, believe it to be our duty to assure your Excellency that we are firmly decided and resolved to support your Excellency in all efforts to maintain order and the public peace; and that on the first appeal our loyal and valorous youth will hasten to range themselves around your Excellency and the British flag; proud on such an occasion of showing how much your Excellency has rendered dear to us the ties which bind us to the empire.

We are convinced that the last events which have stained the annals of the city of Montreal (being of a character eminently seditious and of evident revolutionary tendency), will necessarily, if the spirit which induced them is not promptly stifled, lead to anarchy and a violent rupture of the tie which unites this colony to the British empire; an event which we would deplore, and which we pray God to avert.

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We beg to assure your Excellency that the moral assistance of all our population is devoted to your administration, and our physical assistance may be relied on in case of need.

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[Here follow 155 Signatures.]

Pointe du Lac, May 6, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 9, 1849.

I AM commanded by the Governor-General to express to you, how much his Excellency is gratified by the address which, under the present circumstances, you have presented to him, in which you declare so warmly the loyalty and devotion to the British Crown which animates you. It is a subject of lively satisfaction to his Excellency to understand from you that he has rendered dear to you the ties which unite you to the empire; and he begs that you will accept the expression of his thanks for your approval of his conduct in the administration of the government.

I have, &c.,

To the Inhabitants of the parish of Pointe du Lac, (Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.
in the county of St. Maurice.

SAINT DAVID.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS.

At a general meeting of the inhabitants, freeholders of the parish of St. David, county of Yamaska, held on the 6th May instant, on the subject of an Address to the Governor-General, relative to the late deplorable events which have taken place at the seat of Government, and of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, against recalling Lord Elgin. J. Wurtele, Esq., was called to the Chair; P. E. Mignault, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary,

After which, the President having explained the object of the meeting, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Moved by Moyse Fortier, Esq., seconded by Pierre Mondore, Esq.—

Resolved,—That the proposed address to his Excellency the Governor General, now read to this meeting, be approved of and adopted.

Moved by Benjamin Thérien, Esq., seconded by Pierre Salois, Esq.:

Resolved,—That the said Address be signed on behalf of all the inhabitants of this parish by the following gentlemen, viz. :—

The Rev. Messire J. Boucher, Ptre. Curé, Messrs. J. Wurtele, B. Thérien, M. Fortier, P. Mondore, P. Salois, E. Bourque, N. Lambert, J. Bergeron, J. B. Commeault, P. E. Mignault, F. Lambert, A. Denoncour, M. Allard, A. Juras, H. Petit, S. M. Bruneault. A. Mondore.

Moved by Esdras Bourque, Esq., seconded by Mr. Pierre Vanasse:

Resolved,—That the proposed petition to the Queen, now read to this meeting, be approved of.

Moved by Mr. Guillaume Généreux, seconded by Mr. Narcisse Lambert:

Resolved,—That the said petition be signed by all the inhabitants of this parish, and that the signatures be procured by the following gentlemen, with power to add to the number, if necessary, viz. :— Messrs. B. Thérien, J. B. Commeault, M. Fortier, P. E. Mignault, P. Mondore, E. Bourque, P. Salois, O. Verboncour, F. Lambert, and Simon Brouillard.

Moved by Dr. Mignault, seconded by Mr. George Labonne:

Resolved,—That the President of this meeting be requested to transmit the said Addresses, without delay, to the Provincial Secretary.

And after thanks had been voted to the President and Secretary, four cheers for Her Majesty, and three for Lord Elgin, shook the air, and the meeting was dissolved.

(Signed) J. WURTELE, President,
P. E. MIGNAULT, Secretary.

Rivière David, May 6 1849.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS.

ADDRESS.

To his Excellency the Right Hon. JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Anicent and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned freeholders, inhabitants of the parish of St. David, in the county of Yamaska, respectfully approach your Excellency, to express our indignation on the subject of the insults unheard of in our country, to which the representative of Her Majesty has been subjected, and of the act of Vandalism, without example in the annals of a civilized people,

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against the place of meeting of the Legislative Assemblies, where was deposited under the protection of the public honour, the archives of the Legislature, and one of the finest literary and scientific collections on the continent of America, and which had already become the just pride of the province.

We pray that your Excellency will accept the expression of the sentiments of gratitude which have penetrated our hearts for the just, impartial, firm and constitutional conduct which has so pre-eminently distinguished the government of your Excellency.

We, moreover, believe it to be our duty to assure your Excellency that we are firmly decided and resolved to support your Excellency in all efforts to maintain order and the public peace; and that on the first appeal our loyal and valorous youth will hasten to range themselves around your Excellency and the British flag; proud on such an occasion of showing how much your Excellency has rendered dear to us the ties which bind us to the empire.

We are convinced that the late events which have stained the annals of the city of Montreal (being of a character eminently seditious, and of evident revolutionary tendency), will necessarily, if the spirit which induced them is not promptly stifled, lead to anarchy and a violent rupture of the tie which unites this colony to the British empire, an event which we would deplore, and which we pray God to avert,

We beg to assure your Excellency that the moral assistance of all our population is devoted to your administration, and our physical assistance may be relied on in case of need.

[Here follow 18 Signatures.]

River David, May 6, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 9, 1849.

I AM commanded by the Governor-General to express to you how much his Excellency is gratified by the address which under the present circumstances you have presented to him, in which you declare so warmly the loyalty and devotion to the British Crown which animates you. It is a subject of lively satisfaction to his Excellency to understand from you that he has rendered dear to you the ties which unite you to the empire, and he begs that you will accept the expression of his thanks for your approval of his conduct in the administration of the government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

To the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. David,
in the County of Yamaska.

RIVIERE DU LOUP EN BAS.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MY LORD,

It is with a sentiment of deep regret that we have learned the insults offered to your Excellency by a portion of the population of Montreal, by throwing missiles at your Excellency's carriage on your return from the Parliament on the 25th instant.

We at the same time congratulate your Excellency that no serious accident happened to you on that occasion.

We were grieved at the same time to learn of the destruction by fire of the House of Parliament, together with all that these buildings contained, a crime committed apparently by the same portion of the populace.

We can assure your Excellency that the population of French origin, and the better disposed portion of the population of British origin, have beheld with great indignation the commission of crimes so atrocious and so audacious in this country under such circumstances.

We can further assure your Excellency, that we have the utmost confidence in your integrity and administration.

We know that your Excellency's administration cannot do all the good which you would wish to do, having their hands tied by the acts of the preceding administrations, which were composed of men who, we believe, were not strangers to the insults which were offered to your Excellency, and to the disastrous events which have occurred.

We trust that the authorities know how to restore and maintain order; and in case of necessity we offer, if your Excellency should think proper to accept them, our most active services to maintain the British North American colonies as the possession of our Most Gracious Queen Her Majesty Victoria.

We have, &c.,

(Signed)

MOYSE MORIN, Lt. Col. 4th Bat. Rimouski.
ALEXIS MORIN, Lt.-Col. 3rd Bat. Rimouski.

Rivière du Loup, 30th April, 1849.

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GENTLEMEN,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 9, 1849.

I AM commanded by the Governor-General to thank you for the promptness with which, at the present crisis, you have conveyed to him the assurance of your readiness to assist in the preservation of the peace, and of the colonies of British North America, as a possession of our most Gracious Queen.

His Excellency thanks you at the same time for the sentiments of sympathy which you express towards him, and of confidence in his integrity and in his administration.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

Lt.-Col. Moyse Morin, 4th Bat. Rimouski, and

Lt.-Col. Alexis Morin, 3rd Bat. Rimouski.

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EXTRACT from the "Canada Gazette," dated May 12, 1849.

LONGUEUIL.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, beg respectfully to express to your Excellency the feelings of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Antoine de Longueuil, on the subject of the deplorable events which have lately taken place in Montreal. Some time since we openly declared, together with the citizens of St. Hyacinthe, St. Hilaire and Chambly, that your Excellency deserved well of Canada.

Since then we have learnt better to appreciate all that this country owes to your Excellency's wisdom, to your firm and sincere anxiety for the public welfare.

We have felt the deepest regret at seeing your Excellency shamefully outraged by a few miscreants, and we protest loudly against such acts, so as to remove from us the stain, which a conduct, more worthy of the savages who formerly inhabited this country than of a civilized people, would otherwise fasten upon it.

We tender to your Excellency the assurance of our sincere sympathy and of entire devotion to your person.

And in so doing, we but repay a debt of justice to a Government that accepted with such alacrity, and put in force with so much energy, the system of responsible government granted to us by the mother country.

Your Excellency's administration, supported by the acts of a ministry who have succeeded in acquiring the confidence of the people, has acquired the confidence of the whole country, and deserves from it the most lasting gratitude.

These unfortunate events are not, however, without their happy results.

They have shown in your Excellency a rare generosity, an heroic greatness of soul, and an imperturbable calmness under circumstances where your Excellency would seem to have required speedy and stern justice: they have shown to the world the real wishes and the weakness of that faction which pretended to have an entire monopoly of loyalty; and they have given to the people an opportunity of showing the faithfulness and devotedness with which they are ready to defend, as they have done before, the Government from foreign and domestic enemies.

(Here follow 1650 Signatures.)

St. Antoine de Longueuil, May, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I RECEIVE with gratitude your loyal and affectionate Address. The recollection of the friendly reception I met with from the inhabitants of Longueuil, St. Hilaire, and Chambly, upon the occasion of my last visit to those places, is not effaced from my memory. I have entire confidence in your loyalty and devotion, and I can assure you I will never swerve from the line of conduct which is traced out to me by my duty towards our Most Gracious Sovereign and the people of this province.

Signed ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

To the Inhabitants of the Parish of Longueuil.

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LACHINE.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MY LORD,

WE, the undersigned, inhabitants of the county of Montreal, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency, to express our regret and profound indignation at the outrages which have been committed on the person of your Excellency by men without shame or principle, for no other cause than that your Excellency had, in the true spirit of the Constitution, given the Royal Assent to a measure of a purely colonial character, which had met with the approval of the other two branches of the legislature, and of nearly three-fourths of the members of the popular branch. We have further to deplore, that these same men, filled with the spirit of infatuation and insubordination, have burned the Houses of Parliament, with the magnificent libraries and all the archives of the country; and that, not content with the destruction of public property, they have applied the torch of the incendiary to several places in the capital, sacking and burning the property of individuals.

We feel it to be our duty to state to your Excellency, that, approving of your impartial conduct as the representative of Her Majesty in this province, and having implicit confidence in your Excellency's present advisers, and denouncing those men who seek only in trouble and in anarchy the triumph of their principles, or of their ambitious projects, we shall be ready at all times to give to your Excellency that moral and physical support which you may stand in need of, to bring back to order those misguided men, and to re-establish in Canada that peace and security, without which happiness and prosperity cannot exist.

The Canadian militia, who defended the British flag in 1775 and in 1812 against foreign invasion, will be prepared, on the first signal, to rally around your Excellency to ward off from the country the horrors of intestine strife,

The undersigned will ever pray for your Excellency's welfare.

[Here follow 352 Signatures.]

REPLY.

To the Inhabitants of the Parish of Lachine, in the County of Montreal.

GENTLEMEN,

I ACCEPT with gratitude the kind wishes which you express in my behalf. To merit the approbation of our most Gracious Sovereign, and of the people whose interests are confided to my care, is my greatest consolation under present circumstances. On my first arrival in the city of Montreal, an address, which had been passed at a public meeting of the citizens, was presented to me. One of the journals published in the French language, in commenting upon it (this address,) expresses itself in the following words:—

“His Honour the Mayor read the address which had been adopted at the last public meeting, to which his Excellency replied in a manner calculated to gain the approbation of all parties. It is a happy omen for the future, that his Excellency should, at his first interview, have succeeded in inspiring all men with the hope that he will one day be able to re-unite all hearts.”

If this omen be not accomplished, be assured at least that it will not be from the want of good will on my part.

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

ST. ANTOINE DE LA BAIE.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF THREE-RIVERS.

AT a public meeting of the magistrates, officers of militia, and freeholders of the parish of St. Antoine de la Baie, held in the Court-house on the 7th day of May, to take into consideration the disastrous events which have lately occurred in Montreal,—

Francis Cottrel, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Adolphus Alexander, Esq., Secretary.—The following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1st. That this meeting, duly convoked by public notice, have learned with not only indignation, but also the most lively regret, the excess to which the inhabitants of the new capital of Canada have gone, in infringing upon the liberty of the representatives of the country—a liberty which is indispensable to the operations of all constitutions and to every good government,—in insulting his Excellency, the representative of Her Majesty, in attacking the members of the legislature, and in destroying, together with the Houses of Parliament, the records and a valuable library, the loss of which is irreparable.

2nd. That this meeting feels the most lively sympathy and the most profound respect for his Excellency the Earl of Elgin, Governor-General, who, in spite of threatening demonstrations, has exercised (without fear) the power confided to him by the constitution, in giving the force of the law to a decision of the two other branches of the legislature; an act of firmness and justice which has exposed him to disgraceful outrages. This meeting would also express

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its confidence in the Ministers who surround his Excellency; and, lastly, this meeting considers it its duty on the present occasion to offer him its assistance for the maintenance of order and the public peace, of the rights of the legislature, and for the protection of his person.

3rd. That a committee be appointed, charged with the preparation and signature, in the name of the freeholders of this parish, of an address to his Excellency the Governor-General, in accordance with the preceding resolutions; and that the following gentlemen form the said committee:—

François Cottrell, President; Joseph Smith, M.D.; A. Alexander; A. L. Gouin; Joseph L. Proulx; J. Cusseau; Jos. Manseau, Major; J. Charpentier, Captain; Jos. Rousseau, N. P.; J. Bte. Barbeau; H. Leveque; A. Proulx; J. Bte. Page; L. Manseau; A. Lacerte; J. Vigneau; P. Blondin, N. P.; A. Lozeau, Major; J. Bte. Pepin, Captain; Ant. Jutras; J. A. Houde; J. Rousseau, N. P.

(Signed) F. COTTRELL, Lieut.-Col., President.
A. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

ADDRESS.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, Her Majesty's faithful subjects, the magistrates, officers of militia, and freeholders of the parish of St. Antoine de la Baie, take the liberty of respectfully approaching your Excellency:

To express to your Excellency the full and entire satisfaction which your just and impartial administration of the government has given to Her Majesty's loyal subjects in this parish and throughout the province generally.

To manifest the sympathy which they feel for the person of your Excellency and for your government.

We have learned with feelings of indignation the insult offered to your Excellency's person on the afternoon of the 25th instant, by an ungrateful and insolent mob.

We have also learned with the deepest regret the lamentable occurrence of the destruction by fire of the Parliament buildings, the records, and the libraries, the loss of which is irreparable.

In conclusion, we avail ourselves of the present occasion boldly to declare our attachment to Her Majesty's Government, as also to the person of Her representative; and to express our determination to aid in the re-establishment and preservation of order and peace, and in the protection of the person and government of your Excellency.

[Here follow 24 Signatures.]

St. Antoine de la Baie, May 8, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 10, 1849.

I AM commanded by the Governor-General to request that you will thank the signers of the address adopted at a public meeting of the magistrates, officers of militia, and freeholders of the parish of St. Antoine de la Baie du Febvre, on the 7th instant, expressing their full and entire satisfaction with his Excellency's just and impartial administration of the Government, for the sentiments of sympathy for his person and of attachment to Her Majesty's Government, and their determination to aid in the restoration of order and peace.

I have, &c,

Lieut.-Colonel Cottrell,
A. Alexander, Esq.

(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

CARLETON PLACE LIBRARY AND MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the members of the Carleton Place Library and Mechanics' Institute, have learned with the deepest sorrow that you, our noble and esteemed patron, have been subjected to a series of cowardly and brutal insults and injuries by a portion of those who profess to be our loyal fellow subjects. Removed as we are from the immediate scene of such outrages, and keenly sympathising with your Excellency, we can also pity the men and their abettors who are so utterly devoid of every principle of virtue, honour, and true loyalty, as to take any satis-

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faction in such despicable pranks as those by which they have endeavoured to annoy your Lordship.

It is pleasing, however, to reflect that our patron is a nobleman, not only by artificial rank, but also according to the loftier standards of morality and intellect, and as such, your Excellency will be enabled truly to appreciate the insane proceedings of your abusers.

We also beg leave to assure your Excellency of our firm belief that since your first assumption of the government of this province, you have acted according to the strictest principles of impartial justice which so peculiarly characterize the British Constitution, and by which the best interests of the subject can be effectually secured, and we are not without the consoling hope that when the vapouring spirit of passion and prejudice shall have passed away, the name of Elgin the Bruce will continue to brighten on the page of history as the noblest Governor of Canada.

Signed in the name and by order of the office-bearers and members.

(Signed) JAMES DUNCAN, President.
DAVID LAUSON, Secretary.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 11, 1849.

I HAVE had the honour to receive and lay before the Governor-General the address of the office-bearers and members of the Carleton Place Library and Mechanics' Institute, transmitted with your letter of the 7th instant.

His Excellency commands me to state, in reply, that he has read the sentiments therein expressed with sincere pleasure. The constant endeavour and desire of his Excellency since his first assumption of the government of his province has been to administer that government on strictly constitutional principles, and it is highly gratifying to his Excellency to find that his efforts so to do have received the approval of the great mass of the intelligent and respectable inhabitants of the province.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

BATHURST.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and faithful subjects, inhabitants of the Bathurst district, assembled in public meeting, called on requisition by the sheriff, beg respectfully to express to your Excellency that we have learned not only with indignation, but with heartfelt regret, the excesses lately committed at the capital of the province, by which an attempt has been made to deprive the representatives of the country of that freedom which is indispensable to the working of all constitutional and good government, by attacking the members of the Legislature and destroying, together with the edifice where the Legislative Assemblies held their sittings, archives of the greatest importance, and two most valuable libraries, the loss of which is irreparable.

That we further express the warmest sympathy and our deepest gratitude to your Excellency, for having, notwithstanding threatening demonstrations, made use, without fear, of the power confided to you by the constitution, by giving force of law to a decision of the two other branches of the Government, an act of firmness which has exposed your Excellency to outrages unworthy of a civilized people.

And lastly, that the inhabitants of the Bathurst district, feeling the utmost confidence in the integrity and ability of your Excellency and your constitutional advisers, and deprecating as they do, all violent and disorderly opposition to the constitution and authorities thereunder, feel bound to stand by your Excellency in the maintenance of the public order, the rights of the Legislature, and for the protection of your person.

Signed in behalf of and in conformity with a resolution of the meeting.

(Signed) ANDREW DICKSON, Chairman.

Perth, May 5, 1849.

REPLY to the Inhabitants of the District of Bathurst.

GENTLEMEN,

I AM much gratified by the alacrity with which you have come forward to protest against the attempt which has recently been made to deprive the representatives of the country of that freedom which is essential to the working of constitutional government, and to express your readiness to support me in the maintenance of public order.

You may rely on my firm determination to persevere in that course of conduct which my duty as a constitutional Governor marks out for me, and to co-operate cordially with the other

branches of the Legislature, in passing such measures as may be calculated to promote the public good, and to develop the resources of this noble province.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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EXTRACT from the "Canada Gazette Extra," dated May 12, 1849.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—GLENGARRY.

To his Excellency The Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

THE inhabitants of the county of Glengarry assembled at a public meeting in the heart of the county, and convened by a formal and most numerous signed requisition, approach your Excellency to express the astonishment and indignation with which they have heard of recent proceedings in the city of Montreal, and to assure your Excellency of their continued devotion to the British Crown, and their respect for, and attachment to the person of your Excellency.

The Glengarry settlement was originally formed by the united empire loyalists principally of Scottish birth, men who at the breaking out of the American Revolution were residents in the then revolted colonies, and who, at the call of their King, rallied round the Royal Standard, rather preferring to forsake, as they did, their wives, their children, and their homes, than be found wanting in their allegiance to their lawful Sovereign. That stock has been largely increased by yearly accessions, chiefly from the Highlands of Scotland; it becomes us not to speak of our public services, but this much we may say, that the men of Glengarry have been ever among the foremost to rally round the Sovereign when the peace of the province has been threatened whether by foreign aggression or internal disorder.

We beg to assure your Excellency, that what our fathers were in days gone by, the present generation still are; that our loyalty towards our beloved Queen and admiration of her wisdom and character, are as fervent as ever; that our hearts still burn with warm love to the land of the Gael: and that should danger ever again threaten the sway of the British Sovereign on this continent, we are ready to sound the Pibroch once more and gather the clans round the standard of the empire.

Our highest aspirations for Canada are that she may continue to flourish under the kindly protection of the British flag, enjoying the full privilege of that constitution under which the parent land has risen to so lofty an eminence; with this, United Canada has nothing to covet in other lands; with less than this, no true Briton would rest satisfied.

During your Excellency's administration of the affairs of this province, we have observed with high satisfaction, and warm gratitude, the undeviating adherence to the theory and practice of British representative Government which has marked your Excellency's public conduct; and we have rejoiced to feel, that at last Canada is ruled constitutionally: and with high gratification we have seen that the constitutional government, for which all true lovers of their country have long sought, has brought with it the benefits we anticipated. During the present session of Parliament your Excellency's Administration have brought before the country a series of public measures, able, patriotic, and practical, such as many successive years of the old system of government have never exhibited.

Under these circumstances we have heard with deep regret and shame, that a band of lawless men at the seat of Government, with the intention of overawing the Legislature and government of the country, have trampled the laws under foot, personally insulted your Excellency, and dared to commit the most wanton acts of riot and incendiarism.

We feel that at such a moment, it is the duty of all good citizens of every creed to rally round your Excellency, and strengthen the hands of government for the preservation of peace and order. The personal insult offered to your Excellency has inspired one feeling of indignation, and we desire to express the high esteem which we entertain for your Excellency's character and conduct.

We earnestly pray that your Excellency may long continue to rule this noble province, on the same sound constitutional principles which have heretofore guided your conduct, with the high confidence of our Sovereign, and the love and gratitude of the Canadian people.

[Here follow 10 Signatures, Members of Deputation.]

Glengarry, May 7, 1849.

REPLY.

MEN OF GLENGARRY:

My heart warms within me, when I listen to your manly and patriotic address.

I recognise in it evidence of that vigorous understanding which enables men of the stock to which you belong to, prize as they ought to be prized, the blessings of well-ordered freedom;

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and of that keen sense of principle which prompts them to recoil from no sacrifice which duty enjoins.

The men of Glengarry need not recapitulate their services. He must be ignorant indeed of the history of Canada, who does not know how much they have done and suffered for their Sovereign and their country.

You inhabit here a goodly land. A land full of promise, where your children have room enough to increase and to multiply, and to become with God's blessing, greater and more prosperous than yourselves. But I am confident that no spell less potent than the gentle and benignant control of those liberal institutions which it is Britain's pride and privilege to bestow on her children, will ensure the peaceful development of its unrivalled resources, or knit together into one happy and united family the various races of which this community is composed.

On this conviction I have acted, in labouring to secure for you, during the whole course of my administration, the full benefit of constitutional government. It is truly gratifying to me to learn that you appreciate my exertions. Depend upon it, they will not be relaxed. I claim to have something of your own spirit. Devotion to a cause which I believe to be a just one—courage to confront if need be, danger and even obloquy in its pursuit—and an undying faith that God protects the right.

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

COUNTY OF LEEDS.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the county of Leeds, in the district of Johnstown, beg leave to assure your Excellency of our most hearty disapprobation of the outrages lately perpetrated in Montreal, by a band of men disaffected to the institutions of the country, and it is our desire to assure your Excellency of our firm determination to support, by every means in our power, your Excellency's endeavours to discharge your duty as Her Majesty's representative in Canada.

We beg to assure your Excellency, that we feel the utmost confidence in the integrity and ability of your Excellency, and of your Excellency's present advisers, and we feel also certain, that a very large majority of the inhabitants of the country view with abhorrence the late disorderly and revolutionary attacks upon the constituted authorities of the land.

We beg to suggest to the consideration of your Excellency, the propriety of removing the government from a city where it is evident that the public records are no longer in safety—the head of the government is daily insulted—the personal security of our representatives is endangered, and the freedom of opinion and deliberation destroyed.

That your Excellency may long continue to reside among us, and unawed by faction, to administer the government of Canada with the decision and impartiality which have hitherto characterized your Excellency's administration, is our most ardent prayer.

[Here follow 3,631 Signatures.]

County of Leeds, May 2, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

IT is truly gratifying to me that the loyal and intelligent inhabitants of the county of Leeds should come forward in such large numbers and with such generous enthusiasm, to express their confidence in my administration of the Government, their disapprobation of the outrages lately committed in Montreal, and their determination to support by every means in their power, my endeavours to discharge my duty as Her Majesty's representative in Canada.

It were, indeed, much to be regretted, if it should be found necessary to change the seat of Government for reasons such as you have assigned.

So long as I am honoured by the confidence of our Gracious Queen, and permitted to administer the government with entire justice and impartiality, I shall esteem it a high privilege to be the Governor of Canada, but I feel that on any other conditions, my sojourn among you would neither be creditable to myself nor profitable to you.

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH.

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To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned freeholders and householders of the township of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown district, Canada West, beg leave to approach your Excellency at this time, to express our indignation and horror at the proceedings of the mob in Montreal on a late occasion, and we pray that your Excellency may be enabled to bring to condign punishment the authors, abettors and perpetrators of such outrages.

We beg to assure your Excellency that our affection for the Mother Country has been much enhanced since the present system of government has come into operation, and we have the highest and most enduring confidence in your Excellency's ability and impartiality to successfully conduct the business of the country under such system.

We further beg to say that we place the fullest reliance in your Excellency's present advisers, and augur much good to the country from their labours in conjunction with your Excellency in the present important crisis in our affairs.

[Here follow 23 Signatures.]

Edwardsburgh, April 30, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 12, 1849.

THE Governor-General commands me to inform you that he has received with sincere satisfaction the address signed by you and the freeholders in general of the township of Edwardsburgh.

The melancholy events which have recently disgraced this city have been attended by this advantage, that they have afforded the good and loyal people of the province an opportunity of testifying their devotion to our Gracious Queen, and their attachment to the ties which bind them to the Mother Country.

His Excellency trusts that such loyalty and patriotism may ever be the distinguishing characteristics of the inhabitants of this great colony.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

Wm. B. Imrie, Esq., Spencerville, C. W.

SAINT ANDREWS.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the inhabitants of the parish of Saint Andrews, in the eastern district of Canada West, beg leave to approach your Excellency with sentiments of deep regret and indignation at the outrageous insult heaped upon our beloved Sovereign in the person of your Excellency by a reckless and lawless mob, and whose recent conduct is calculated to entail disastrous consequences on our native and adopted country, and endless shame and infamy on themselves.

We hurriedly and briefly beg leave to tender to your Excellency the cordial assurance of our unalterable attachment to British connexion, British Constitution, and the majesty of our laws, with our determination to maintain the Sovereign's honour, Crown, and dignity by whomsoever assailed.

We cannot conclude without expressing our abhorrence of the violence offered your Lordship, whose noble name stands forth so prominent in the annals of our father land, and will ever command our warmest admiration.

[Here follow 105 Signatures.]

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 12, 1849.

THE address of the inhabitants of the parish of Saint Andrews, in the Eastern District, C. W., transmitted by you, has been received and laid before the Governor-General.

The loyal and patriotic sentiments expressed in that address have afforded his Excellency much gratification.

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The assurances of personal esteem are peculiarly gratifying as coming from his own countrymen. His Excellency trusts that he will not forfeit that esteem by any act of his.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

J. LESLIE, Secretary.

Donald MacDonald, Esq., Saint Andrews, C. W.

WICKHAM.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and faithful subjects the inhabitants of the township of Wickham, in the county of Drummond, beg respectfully to express to your Excellency that we have learned not only with indignation, but with the greatest grief, the excesses which have taken place in the city of Montreal, the daring and most outrageous attempts and actions committed by a mob of the most degraded persons to deprive the representatives of the country of that freedom which is indispensable to the working of all constitutional and good government, by attacking the members of the Legislature, and destroying, together with the edifice where the Legislative Assemblies held their meetings, archives of the greatest importance, and a most valuable library, the loss of which is irreparable.

That we further express the warmest sympathy and our deepest gratitude for your Excellency for having, notwithstanding threatening demonstrations made use of, without fear, of the power confided to you by the constitution, by giving force of law to a decision of the two other branches of the Government, an act of firmness and justice which exposed your Excellency to outrages unworthy of civilized people; and lastly, that the inhabitants of the said township of Wickham think it right on this occasion to offer your Excellency their support for the maintenance of public order, of the rights of the Legislature, and for the protection of your person.

[Here follow 87 Signatures]

Wickham, May 10, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 12, 1849.

I AM commanded by his Excellency the Governor-General to request that you will convey to the inhabitants of the township of Wickham his Excellency's warmest thanks for their loyal and dutiful address presented by you.

His Excellency discovers in the sentiments expressed in the address of the loyal inhabitants of Wickham that love of order, that respect for the supremacy of the law, and that devotion to our beloved Sovereign, which are the noblest characteristics of good citizens and subjects, and upon the prevalence of which must essentially depend the material and moral advancement and prosperity of the people of this province.

His Excellency desires also to express to the inhabitants of Wickham his cordial thanks for the zealous tender of service contained in their address, and to assure them of his firm reliance on their disposition and ability to co-operate in upholding Her Majesty's Government and the free institutions of the country.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

J. LESLIE, Secretary.

R. A. Watts, Esq., M.P.P., Montreal.

LONGUE POINTE.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the undersigned inhabitants of the county of Montreal, approach your Excellency with renewed assurances of our devoted loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's person and Government, and of our anxious desire to maintain inviolate the connexion so happily subsisting between this province and the great empire of which it is an important dependency.

In common with the great majority of our fellow-subjects both in Upper and Lower Canada, we have most cordially approved of your Excellency's administration of the government of this province, from the period of your assumption of its highly important duties to the present time. Your Excellency has on all occasions lent your powerful aid to promote the material interests

of the people whom you have been called upon to govern. Agricultural associations, railway enterprises, educational establishments, mechanics' institutes, have found in your Excellency their most powerful advocate, and we have felt grateful for the exertions which your Excellency has made to induce the imperial authorities to adopt measures calculated to promote our commercial interests, to develop the great resources of our country, and to facilitate the settlement of our waste lands. We have observed with the highest satisfaction that while your Excellency has been the most prominent advocate of all the material interests of the country, in the promotion of which the people of all creeds, parties, and races are able to unite, you have abstained from identifying yourself with local party politics. Imitating the example of our beloved Sovereign, your Excellency has been truly the father of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects. Without reference to their peculiar political views, your Excellency has given a cordial and constitutional support to successive administrations whose policy has obtained the sanction of the parliament of the country. Such being our deliberate opinion of your Excellency's administration of the Government of this province, we have observed with pain and regret that at a moment of great excitement, when the public peace and tranquillity was disturbed by a mob of rioters, and an informal public meeting was held in the city, at which an address to Her Majesty to recal your Excellency was adopted. We beg to assure your Excellency that the great majority of the inhabitants of Longue Pointe dissent entirely from the opinions expressed at the meeting referred to, and are prepared to give to your Excellency their cordial support in administering the Government, as you have done hitherto, on constitutional principles, with justice and impartiality, and in maintaining public order, and respect for the laws and the Parliament of the province. We cannot find language strong enough to express our abhorrence of the conduct of the perpetrators and abettors of the outrages which have lately been committed in the city, the most prominent of which was the destruction of the building occupied as the Parliament House, with the valuable libraries of the two houses, and the public records. We feel strongly that the city has been disgraced by these outrages, but we trust that your Excellency will believe that the conduct of the rioters is viewed with general detestation.

[Here follow 234 Signatures.]

STE. GENEVIEVE.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned, inhabitants of the parish of Ste. Geneviève, in the county of Montreal, venture to approach your Excellency, to represent—

That it is with sentiments of lively regret and of profound indignation that we have learned that on the 25th day of April last your Excellency, as the representative of Her Majesty in this province, was insulted, in the city of Montreal, in the execution of the Royal Power, by an unruly mob, who, during the most profound tranquillity, and under cover of night, conducted themselves with such brutality and blindness as to destroy by fire the Houses of Parliament, with all the records which they contained, and which interested the whole province.

That your Excellency may rely on our loyalty and attachment to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and on our full and entire approbation of your Excellency's constitutional administration of the government of this Province since your arrival in this country, which has always been in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the people, and of your choice of Ministers from amongst persons well qualified and who possessed their confidence.

That every good subject who has at heart the welfare and prosperity of the Province, renders himself chargeable with unpardonable apathy, by not coming forward and showing himself determined zealously to support your Excellency, by all constitutional means, in an administration of the government of the Province, so wise and so liberal, and to repress and prevent the recurrence of such acts of violence and Vandalism as those of the 25th of April last, which are of such a nature as to undermine and subvert all government.

That we are prepared to answer any call of the Government to maintain order, the laws, the constitution, and the peace of the Province, and cause them to be respected.

And we will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 192 Signatures.]

Ste. Geneviève, 3rd May, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 10, 1849.

I HAVE to request you, and the inhabitants of the parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies, to accept the Governor-General's sincere thanks for the expression of their loyalty and attachment to our Sovereign, and of their full and entire approbation of his administration of the Government; as well as of their regret for the insults to which his Excellency has been exposed, and their determination to maintain order, the laws, the Constitution, and the peace of the province, and to cause them to be respected.

CANADA.

You will please convey the above expression of his Excellency's sentiments to the subscribers to the addresses from the inhabitants of Longue Pointe and Ste. Geneviève, transmitted with your letter of the eighth instant.

Lieut.-Colonel Jobin, M.P.P.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

ST. FLAVIEN AND STE. CROIX.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned, inhabitants of the parishes of St. Flavien and Ste. Croix, in the county of Lotbinière, respectfully approach your Excellency to express our indignation on the subject of the insults unheard of in our country, to which the representative of her Majesty has been subjected, and of the act of Vandalism, without example in the annals of a civilized people, against the place of meeting of the Legislative Assemblies, where was deposited under the protection of the public honour, the archives of the Legislatures, and one of the finest literary and scientific collections on the continent of America, and which had already become the just pride of the province.

We pray that your Excellency will accept the expression of the sentiments of gratitude which have penetrated our hearts for the just, impartial, firm, and constitutional conduct which has so pre-eminently distinguished the Government of your Excellency.

We, moreover, believe it to be our duty to assure your Excellency that we are firmly decided and resolved to support your Excellency in all efforts to maintain order and the public peace; and that on the first appeal our loyal and valourous youth will hasten to range themselves around your Excellency and the British flag; proud on such an occasion of showing how much your Excellency has rendered dear to us the ties which bind us to the empire.

We are convinced that the late events which have stained the annals of the city of Montreal (being of a character eminently seditious and of evident revolutionary tendency), will necessarily, if the spirit which induced them is not promptly stifled, lead to anarchy and a violent rupture of the tie which unites this colony to the British empire; an event which we would deplore, and which we pray God to avert.

We beg to assure your Excellency that the moral assistance of all our population is devoted to your administration, and our physical assistance may be relied on in case of need.

[Here follow 1,288 Signatures.]

Ste. Croix, May 6, 1849.

REPLY.

REV. SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 10, 1849.

THE Governor-General commanded me to convey to you and to your parishioners who signed the address transmitted by you, his Excellency's thanks for the sentiments of loyalty towards the British crown, of confidence in his Excellency's administration of the Government, and of sympathy for his person contained in the same, and for the expression of their determination to aid to the utmost of their ability in the maintenance of constitutional order and the public peace.

The Rev. J. B. Potwin, Ste. Croix,
District of Quebec.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

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No. 4.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Montreal.

May 19, 1849.

(Received June 5, 1849.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, a copy of an address presented to me on the subject of the recent outrages by the Legislative Council, and of my reply thereto; and also copies of addresses which have been received since my Despatch, No. 44, 12th May, 1849. The addresses to the same purport already received by me exceed 120 in number.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey.
&c. &c. &c.

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 Parish of St. Germain and Ste. Cécile.
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 Parish of Lotbinière.
 Parish of Charlesbourg.
 Parish of St. Thomas and Village of Monturgnay.
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 Jurors, Brook District.
 Township of Woolford.
 Township of Dorchester.
 Township of Clarence.
 St. Jude, St. Aimé, and St. Denis.
 St. Leon and Ste. Paulin.
 Officers of 1st battalion Bellechasse Militia.
 Côté des Neiges and St. Luc.
 St. Jean Chrysostome.
 L'Assomption.
 St. Sulpice.
 St. Joseph de Chambly.
 St. Jean L'Evangeliste.
 St. Mathieu de Belœil.
 Ste. Thérèse de Blainville.
 Berthier, county Bellechasse.
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 L'Association des Instituteurs, District of Quebec.

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To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,
 Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General
 of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the
 Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward,
 and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Canada, in
 Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach your Excellency for the purpose of expressing our
 utmost indignation at the gross insults and violence of which your Excellency and the Legis-
 lature have lately been the object ; during which, we have to deplore the burning of the building
 in which the two Houses of Parliament held their sittings, including the valuable libraries and
 archives of the province. We have also to deplore the destruction of private property during
 this excitement, and beg to assure your Excellency that this House is disposed to concur in all
 necessary measures for furnishing the Government with the means of restoring quiet, ensuring
 the public tranquillity, and preventing any new attempt to disturb it.

(Signed) EDWARD CARON, Speaker.

Legislative Council, Monday, May 14, 1849.

REPLY.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful address, in which you express your utmost
 indignation at the gross insults and violence of which the Governor-General and the Legis-
 lature have lately been the object, and assure me that you are disposed to concur in all
 necessary measures for furnishing the Government with the means of restoring quiet, ensuring
 the public tranquillity, and preventing any new attempts to disturb it.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

CANADA:

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Encl. 3 in No. 4.

EXTRACT from the "Canada Gazette," dated May 16, 1849.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—TOWN OF LONDON.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the Town Council of the town of London, beg to approach your Excellency at the present crisis of affairs in this province, to express our devoted attachment to Her Majesty's present Government, as also to your Excellency, as her representative in this province, and our approval of the constitutional course pursued by your Excellency in the discharge of the important duties of your high office of Governor-General.

We have learned with feelings of indignation and disgust the insults committed on the person of your Excellency, as well as the destruction of the parliament buildings and the public records of the province, by a ruffianly and ungrateful rabble.

In conclusion, we beg to assure your Excellency, that it is our firm determination to uphold law and order, and to maintain the relation which so happily exists between this province and the parent state.

(Signed) M. ANDERSON, Chairman of the Council.

 REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I THANKFULLY receive the address which the Town Council of the town of London has transmitted to me at this crisis in the affairs of the province.

That a body so intelligent and respectable should denounce the outrages recently committed in Montreal was to be expected, and it is truly satisfactory to me to learn that the constitutional course which I have pursued in the discharge of the important duties of my office has their approval.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

 PORT STANLEY.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned, inhabitants of the village of Port Stanley and neighbourhood, beg to approach your Excellency with profound respect for your Excellency as a statesman of distinguished ability, and as Her Most Gracious Majesty's representative in this important province.

We cannot refrain from expressing our utter abhorrence and disgust at the disgraceful and lawless conduct of a mob at the seat of Government. We feel humiliated and indignant at the outrageous assault upon your Excellency, and assure you, that your enlightened and constitutional administration of the Government of this province commands our warmest admiration, and meets the approbation of every lover of order and good government.

We beg further to assure your Excellency of our devotion to the great British principle of responsible government, and that we will at all times unanimously support the Government in the maintenance of law and order in the country.

We trust that the present excitement may soon pass over, and that your Excellency's administration of this province may be prosperous and long continued.

[Here follow 71 Signatures.]

Port Stanley, May 5, 1849.

 REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I THANK you for coming forward at the present time to express your abhorrence of the excesses which have lately been perpetrated in the city of Montreal, and your determination to support the Government in the maintenance of law and order in the province.

I heartily join with you in the hope that the present excitement, which is so prejudicial to the best interests of Canada, may soon pass over.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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WOODSTOCK.

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To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the town of Woodstock and its vicinity, in the county of Oxford, province of Canada, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency, and to present the renewed assurances of our unswerving attachment to Her Majesty's throne and person, as well as our full confidence in, and entire approval of, your Excellency's administration of the government of this province.

While we join with your Excellency in deploring the disgraceful scenes lately exhibited at the seat of Government, and the irreparable injury inflicted upon the country in the destruction of the library and the public records, we hereby pledge our fortunes, our lives, and our sacred honour, to stand by your Excellency in all your efforts to maintain good order, and to support the majesty of our country's laws.

We fear that in the late lamentable events we discover evidence of a design to injure the reputation of your Excellency's Government, both in the opinions of the people of this country and of Her Majesty's Government and people of Britain, in order to defeat if possible the several wise and just measures which your Excellency's Government has submitted to Parliament during the present session.

In Canada we do not fear to predict, that such design will be frustrated, as this is not the first time the same party have, by creating a panic and filling the country with ungrounded alarms, aimed to accomplish objects which they were too weak to effect by the legitimate means secured to them by the Constitution, and we trust Her Majesty's Government are too well aware that it is always in the power of a minority, however contemptible, both to get up a riot and to fill party newspapers with seditious libels, to be in any danger of mistaking the turbulent proceedings for the calm expression of public opinion.

We humbly and earnestly pray the Great Ruler of the Universe to give to your Excellency that courage and strength that will enable you calmly and determinately to resist every encroachment upon Her Majesty's prerogative or the liberties of the country, and to persevere in the wise and enlightened course which has hitherto distinguished your Excellency's government in Canada.

[Here follow 196 Signatures.]

Woodstock, C.W., May 3, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 11, 1849.

I HAVE the honour, by command of the Governor-General, to acknowledge the receipt of the address to his Excellency of the inhabitants of the town of Woodstock and its vicinity, which was transmitted with your letter of the 4th instant.

His Excellency commands me to request you to inform the gentlemen who signed that address, that he received with sincere gratification the expression of their assurance of their unswerving attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and of their approval of His Excellency's administration of the government of this province.

His Excellency deeply deplors the disgraceful outrages which have lately been perpetrated at the seat of government, and the irreparable injury which has been wantonly inflicted on the country by the destruction of the valuable libraries of the two Houses of Parliament, and of the public records.

It is, however, a great consolation to his Excellency to feel that the loyal people of Woodstock, in common with the great majority of the intelligent and respectable inhabitants of the province, are prepared to sustain him in his efforts to maintain good order, and to support the majesty of the law.

I have, &c.,

John Allen, Esq., Woodstock.

(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

BAPTIST CHURCH OF WOODSTOCK.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the members of the Baptist church and congregation at Woodstock, in Upper Canada, beg leave respectfully to present to your Excellency the renewed assurance of our unswerving attachment to Her Majesty's Throne and Government, and to express our unqualified approval of the manner in which your Excellency,

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Her representative, has administered the government of this province since you were appointed to that high and honourable trust.

We have heard, with equal grief and surprise, of the late violent and disgraceful proceedings in the city of Montreal. We deplore, with your Excellency and our fellow-countrymen in common, the irreparable loss the country has sustained in the destruction of her valuable libraries and the public records, but we cannot express the shame and indignation we felt when we heard that your Excellency's person had been exposed to the grossest insults and the most imminent peril while discharging your high duties in Her Majesty's name.

We give thanks to Almighty God, upon whose mercy we are all dependent for safety, for having preserved your Excellency from serious harm in the midst of those dangers; and we pray that He may still cover you with the shield of his protection, and at all times deliver you from unreasonable and wicked men.

We beg to tender to your Excellency any, and all, such service as we may be able to render for preserving the peace and sustaining the majesty of the laws of the country; at the same time, we do not apprehend that any extraordinary means will be required for that end, at least in this part of the province, as we have no doubt that a very large majority of the people entertain the same sentiments to which we have given expression in this Address.

We trust your Excellency may have firmness and strength to persevere in the same wise and enlightened course of policy that has hitherto distinguished your administration of the government of this province, and that in the approbation of our Gracious Sovereign, the gratitude of an entire people, and, above all, in the blessing of Almighty God, your Excellency may have your reward.

(Signed)

W. H. LANDON, Pastor.
A. BURTON,
GEORGE BLAKE, } Deacons.

Done in open Church Meeting,
this 5th day of May, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 14, 1849.

THE Address, signed by you and the members of the Baptist Church and congregation at Woodstock, has been received and laid before the Governor-General, who has been pleased to direct me to make the following reply.

His Excellency is gratified by your assurance of your attachment to our Gracious Sovereign, and of your confidence in his administration of the Government of this province. Recent events have not shaken his Excellency's faith in the loyalty and patriotism of the people of Canada. Each day affords his Excellency fresh proofs of the truth of your assertion, that a very large majority of the people of Canada entertain the same loyal sentiments as those which are expressed in your address. His Excellency desires, at the same time, to thank you for your prayers on his behalf.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

The Rev. W. H. Landon, Woodstock.

BISHOP OF BYTOWN.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINGARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MY LORD,

I CONCEIVE it to be my duty to convey to your Excellency on the present occasion, the expression of the profound sensation of sorrow which the Bishop and Catholics of Bytown (who form a large majority of the inhabitants) experienced on learning the deplorable excesses which have lately occurred at the city of Montreal, and the insults which have been offered to your Excellency.

If there are a few men found in the province to assail and vilify your Excellency's administration, assuredly the large majority of the people approve of that administration, and cherish in their hearts a lively feeling of gratitude to your Excellency for your unwearied solicitude for the welfare of the province.

And I flatter myself that this expression of our feelings would afford your Excellency any consolation at the present moment, I should esteem myself happy in having offered it.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) + JOS. EUGENE, Bishop of Bytown.

REPLY.

MY LORD,

THE Governor-General has received with sincere satisfaction your Address, expressing on your own behalf, and on behalf of the Catholic inhabitants of Bytown in general, regret at

the deplorable excesses which have recently disgraced the city of Montreal, and testifying your confidence in his Excellency's administration of the Government of this province.

To administer the Government of this colony in such a way as to merit the esteem and confidence of all good subjects of our Gracious Queen, will ever be his Excellency's most sincere desire and prayer.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

The Right Rev. the Catholic Bishop of Bytown.

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To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the inhabitants of the village of Maitland, in the county of Grenville, U. C., and vicinity, most respectfully beg leave to state to you our unqualified disapprobation of the late diabolical insults offered to you personally, and through you to the royal person of our Most Gracious Queen, by the mobs of Montreal.

We very much regret that any person or bodies of persons could be found, calling themselves British subjects, and still commit such lawless outrages both to persons and property as the Montreal rioters have done. We further beg to express our entire confidence in your administration of the Government of Canada, and also in the Ministers who surround you, and also our sincere hope, that you may continue to govern this fine province for years to come.

[Here follow 60 Signatures.]

Maitland, May 10, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 14, 1849.

THE Governor-General commands me to inform you, that he has received with much satisfaction the address of the inhabitants of the village of Maitland and its vicinity, transmitted with your letter of the 10th instant, expressing their unqualified disapprobation of the recent proceedings of a factious mob at Montreal, and their entire confidence in his Excellency's administration of the government of Canada.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

William Garvey, Esq., Maitland, C. W.

RIVIERE DES PRAIRIES.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT they have learnt with sorrow and indignation the insult offered to your Excellency in the exercise of your high functions, and the destruction of the Parliament buildings on the night of the 25th April, by a lawless mob in a time of profound peace.

That we entirely approve of the constitutional manner in which your Excellency has administered the Government of this province since your arrival therein.

That the inhabitants of this parish are disposed and determined to sustain your Excellency by all constitutional means in your administration of the Government of this province.

They beg to express to your Excellency that the acts of Vandalism of the 25th April last, are calculated to undermine all good Government, and that they are determined to use every endeavour to suppress similar acts of violence, to cause order to be maintained throughout the province, and the laws and constitution respected, and that they are ready to respond to any appeal in that behalf which the Government may feel called upon to make.

[Here follow 69 Signatures.]

NOTE.—The above address was omitted in the Extra Gazette of the 12th May instant, it should have preceded the address from the parish of Longue Pointe.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's faithful subjects, inhabitants of the parish of St. Ours, *Chef-lieu* of the county of Richelieu, consider it our duty most respectfully to approach your Excellency, to express the feeling of sorrow and indignation which we experienced at the intelligence of the destruction of the Parliament buildings on the 25th ultimo, and of the criminal and disgraceful acts of violence committed on your person in a time of profound peace, by a lawless and infuriated mob.

We beg you will credit the sentiments of loyalty and attachment which the people of Canada in general, and we in particular, entertain for the person and Government of our beloved Sovereign.

We also desire to assure your Excellency of our approbation of the just and impartial course which you have followed since your assumption of the Government of this province, and of our desire and determination to support your Excellency by all constitutional means in the administration of the Government, and if necessary to assist you in the maintenance of the laws, the defence of the rights of the Legislature, and the protection of your Excellency's person.

In conclusion, we consider it our duty to declare that the acts of Vandalism which characterize the 25th April last, are calculated to undermine and destroy all principles of good Government, and that the Canadian militia which in 1775 and in 1812 defended the British flag from foreign invasion, will be ever ready at the first signal to protect the soil from domestic violence.

The undersigned will ever pray for the preservation of your Excellency's person.

[Here follow 366 Signatures.]

County of Richelieu, parish of St. Ours, May 6, 1849.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I RECEIVE with entire satisfaction the assurances of loyalty towards our Most Gracious Sovereign, and of devotion to the Constitutional Government under which we live, expressed in your address. The criminal acts which have lately been committed in the city of Montreal have occasioned me the deepest grief, and I fear that the moral and natural prosperity of the country will long feel their effects. Be assured, however, that I shall never swerve from the line of conduct which I have heretofore pursued, and which was dictated to me by my duty towards the Queen and the people of this province,

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

To the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Ours.

STE. MARGUERITE DE JOLIETTE.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.—DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned freeholders, inhabitants of the parish of Ste. Marguerite de Joliette, in the county of Dorchester, in the district of Quebec, respectfully approach your Excellency to express our indignation on the subject of the insults, unheard of in our country, to which the representative of Her Majesty has been subjected, and of the act of Vandalism, without example in the annals of a civilized people, against the place of meeting of the Legislature, where was deposited, under the protection of the public honour, the archives of the Legislature, and one of the finest literary and scientific collections on the continent of America, and which has already become the just pride of the province.

We pray that your Excellency will accept the expression of the sentiments of gratitude which have penetrated our hearts for the just, impartial, firm, and constitutional conduct which has so pre-eminently distinguished the government of your Excellency.

We, moreover, believe it to be your duty to assure your Excellency that we are firmly decided and resolved to support your Excellency in all efforts to maintain order and the public peace; and that on the first appeal our loyal and valorous youth will hasten to range themselves around your Excellency and the British flag; proud on such an occasion, of showing how much your Excellency has rendered dear to us the ties which bind us to the empire.

We are convinced that the late events which have stained the annals of the city of Montreal, (being of a character eminently seditious, and of evident revolutionary tendency), will, necessarily, if the spirit which induced them is not promptly stifled, lead to anarchy and a violent rupture of the tie which unites this colony to the British empire; an event which we would deplore, and which we pray God to avert.

We beg to assure your Excellency that the moral assistance of all our population is devoted to your administration, and our physical assistance may be relied on in case of need.

(Signed)

J. B. PERRAS, Priest,
D. L. HORTY, Notary,
TH. GENEST,
JOSEPH FERLAND, and 81 others.

St. Marguerite de Joliette, 7th May, 1849.

REPLY.

REVEREND SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 10, 1849.

THE Governor-General commanded me to convey to you and to your parishioners who signed the Address transmitted by you, his Excellency's thanks for the sentiments of loyalty towards the British Crown, of confidence in his Excellency's administration of the Government, and of sympathy for his person contained in the same, and for the expression of their determination to aid, to the utmost of their ability, in the maintenance of constitutional order and the public peace.

The Rev. J. B. Perras,
St. Marguerite de Joliette, District of Quebec.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

ST. GERMAIN AND STE. CECILE.

At a numerous meeting of the inhabitants of the parishes of St. Germain and Ste. Cécile du Bic, in the county of Rimouski, held at the church door of the parish of St. Germain, the 6th of May, after the morning service, Mr. Pierre Gauvreau, Lieut.-Col. of Militia, was called to the chair, and Mr. Louis Gauvreau, requested to act as Secretary. After certain observations from the President, from Messrs. John Heath and Joseph Garon, explaining the object of the meeting, the following resolutions were adopted.

Moved by John Heath, Esq., seconded by Mr. Henry Martin, merchant:—

1. That the inhabitants of the said parishes have witnessed with profound regret, the insults to which his Excellency, Lord Elgin, and the two Houses of the Legislature have been subjected by a lawless and reckless horde of men.

Moved by Jos. Garon, Esq., and seconded by Mr. J. Ross:—

2. That this meeting, in expressing the disgust and indignation experienced by the inhabitants of these parishes at the attempt made against the institutions of this country, consider it its duty also to express its regret at the irreparable loss sustained by the country, by the destruction of the Parliament buildings, the loss of its records, and of its splendid library.

Moved by Olivier Pineau, Major of Militia, seconded by Mr. Samuel Bradley, jun. merchant:—

3. That the inhabitants composing the meeting, avail themselves of this occasion to express their entire confidence in his Excellency the Governor-General, who, fearless of the threats made against him, exercised the prerogative vested in him by the constitution, in sanctioning the Bill for the payment of the losses caused by the rebellion in 1847 and 1848.

Moved by Paul Côté, Major of Militia, of Ste. Cécile, seconded by François Couture, Esq., J.P.

4. That the inhabitants of these parishes beg to tender to his Excellency and to the Government of this province, all the support it is in their power to give for the maintenance of peace and concord.

Moved by Alexis Rivard, Esq., seconded by Mr. Michael Parent:—

That a committee of seven persons be named to prepare and sign on behalf of the inhabitants of the parishes of St. Germain and of Ste. Cécile, an address to his Excellency, based on the foregoing resolutions, and that the said address be transmitted to J. C. Taché, Esq., representative of the county, for presentation to his Excellency, and that the said committee be composed of the President, Messrs. John Heath, Joseph Garon, Alexis Rivard, Edouard Martin, and François Couture.

After which, thanks were voted to the President and to the Secretary.

(Signed)

P. GAUVREAU, President.
V. L. GAUVREAU, Secretary.

Rimouski, 6th May, 1849.

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To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned, in the name and on behalf of the faithful subjects of Her Majesty, inhabitants of the parishes of St. Germain and Ste. Cécile, in the county of Rimouski, have witnessed with profound regret the insults to which your Excellency, and the two Houses of Parliament of Canada, have been subjected by a lawless and reckless horde of men.

The inhabitants of these parishes, in expressing the indignation they experience at the attempt committed against the institutions of this country, consider it their duty also to express their regret at the irreparable loss the country has suffered by the destruction of the Parliament buildings, the records, and the splendid library which they contained.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our entire confidence in your Excellency, who has exercised with justice and firmness the prerogatives vested in your Excellency by the constitution, in sanctioning a law already approved and passed by the other two branches of the Legislature, and we assure your Excellency that the inhabitants of these parishes will give to the Government of this country all the support in their power to maintain order, peace, and concord.

(Signed)

P. GAUVREAU, President.
And 6 others.

St. Germain de Rimouski, May 6, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 12, 1849.

I HAVE been commanded by the Governor-General to convey his Excellency's best thanks to the gentlemen composing the committee authorized at the meeting of the inhabitants of the parishes of St. Germain and Ste. Cécile, to prepare and sign an address to his Excellency under the present circumstances.

You may assure these gentlemen and the inhabitants of the parishes in whose behalf they speak, that his Excellency will not swerve from the constitutional course which has called forth so general an expression of confidence from the inhabitants of this province.

I have, &c.,

Dr. J. C. Taché, M.P.P., Montreal.

(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

ST. JEROME.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of the parish of St. Jérôme, in the county of Terrebonne, in the district of Montreal, take the liberty of expressing to your Excellency, our deep indignation at the insults recently offered to you,—insults revolting to all save the low rabble by whom they were perpetrated. Deeply do we lament the irreparable loss caused to the province by the destruction, by an unprincipled mob, of the Parliament buildings, with their contents, on the night of the 25th of April last.

We beg to assure your Excellency of our loyalty and attachment to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and of our entire approval of your Excellency's constitutional administration of the Government since your arrival in this country.

In order to show our sympathy for your Excellency and for your Government, we beg further to state that we are firmly resolved to support your Excellency, by all constitutional means, in the administration of the Government of this province.

We further declare that the acts of barbarism committed on the 25th of April last, and since that time, are of a nature to sap and subvert all Government, and that we are determined to employ all possible means to repress and prevent similar acts of violence, and to maintain order and peace, and to cause the laws and constitution to be respected; and finally, we avail ourselves of this occasion to manifest our willingness to respond to any appeal which the Government may make to us for that end.

[Here follow 455 Signatures.]

St. Jérôme, May 5, 1849.

REPLY

SIR,

Secretary's Office, May 10, 1849.

I AM commanded by the Governor-General to convey to you and to your parishioners, his Excellency's sincere thanks for the Address which they have presented to him under the present circumstances.

His Excellency is happy to see the people of this province approve of his past administration of the Government, and to receive the promise of their support for the future.

Similar demonstrations as your own, already so numerous, and which have the appearance of becoming general in the country, cannot fail to act as a restraint on those who may have the intention of disturbing the public peace.

The Rev. Mr. Thibault, St. Jérôme.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

LOTBINIERE.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the clergy, magistrates, officers of militia, and other principal inhabitants of the parish of Lotbinière, in our own names, as well as in the names of all of our fellow-parishioners, beg respectfully to approach your Excellency to express to you, that the unexpected news of the shameful and unheard-of outrage committed on the 25th of April last, during a time of such perfect tranquillity, by a brutal and fanatical mob, against the representative of our beloved Sovereign, in the person of your Excellency, and against the representatives of the country, as well as the destruction of the House of Parliament and the libraries which it contained, has drawn from the hearts of all the loyal and peaceable inhabitants of this extensive parish an universal cry of indignation and deep sorrow.

We are desirous of manifesting, on the present occasion, sentiments of the most lively sympathy for your Excellency, and of the most profound respect for your firm and impartial conduct in not fearing to execute an act in conformity with justice and the constitution, and the menaces of a demented and furious populace.

We further beg leave to declare boldly and publicly to your Excellency, that we are ready to assist with all the means in our power in the maintenance of order and the peace, and in the protection of the persons of your Excellency and your councillors, in whom we repose the utmost confidence.

[Here follow 124 Signatures.]

Lotbinière, 6th May, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 10, 1849.

I AM commanded by the Governor-General to request that you will inform the clergy, magistrates, officers of militia, and the other principal inhabitants of the parish of Lotbinière, that his Excellency has received their Address with pleasure and thanks; and that you will assure them that nothing will make him deviate from that firm, impartial, and constitutional line of conduct which has drawn from them such expressions of sympathy for his person and assurances of assistance in the preservation of order and of the peace.

I have, &c.,
Dr. Grenier, &c. &c., Lotbinière. (Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

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'EXTRACT from the "Canada Gazette," dated May 19, 1849.

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PROVINCE OF CANADA.—COUNTY OF HASTINGS.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the inhabitants of the district of Victoria, Her Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, have heard of the recent outrages committed by a lawless mob in the capital of this province with mingled feelings of shame and indignation; indignation, at the audacious insults offered to the sovereignty of our beloved Queen, in the person of your Excellency, to the majesty of the law, and the liberties of the people of Canada in the person of our representatives now sitting in Parliament;—and shame, heart-felt, that these insults have been offered to Her Majesty, to your Excellency, and to the people by our own countrymen and fellow-subjects.

We beg leave to express most respectfully to your Excellency, our utter abhorrence of these men, and of the principles which actuate them.

In the assent which your Excellency was pleased to give to the Bill of Indemnity, which has

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been made the pretext for acts of treason, alike destructive to the authority of Her Majesty and the liberties of this people, we recognise, also, the assent of your Excellency to the principles of that constitution which was conceded to us by the justice, and guaranteed to us by the faith of the Imperial Parliament, a constitution which, under Providence, we are firmly resolved to retain and uphold.

The justice and impartiality which has characterized the entire administration of your Excellency, has commanded the respect and approval of all who know how to enjoy and appreciate the blessings of constitutional government. We beg leave to assure your Excellency that we are deeply sensible of the debt of gratitude we owe your Excellency for the just and equitable manner in which the duties of your high office have been discharged.

We cannot refrain from expressing to your Excellency our sincere conviction that the violence which has disgraced the city of Montreal, proceeds not from causes which the mob and their abettors so prominently put forth, but is the result of party machination, which has for its object the destruction of a constitution first placed within our reach by a distinguished relative of your Excellency's, the blessings of which we hope long to enjoy under your own wise administration.

We beg further to assure your Excellency that the confidence which a few months since three-fourths of the inhabitants of this province reposed in your Excellency's advisers has in no degree been shaken, and we cannot but feel assured that, supported as they are by a vast majority of the Canadian people, your Excellency will be as cordially sustained by our Most Gracious Sovereign.

We sincerely hope that the humane forbearance of your Excellency, which has hitherto prevented the effusion of blood, may have a proper effect upon those towards whom this clemency has been exercised: should, however, your Excellency deem it necessary, at any moment, to call upon the loyal yeomanry of Canada to assist in the maintenance of British rule and British honour in these colonies, our hearts and hands are with you.

[Here follow 3,213 Signatures.]

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I HEARTILY thank you for the noble tribute which you bear in your numerously signed address to the justice and impartiality which have characterized my administration of the Government. These qualities are, I firmly believe, the real cause of the hostility which has been directed against me. I came to the province with the determination to allow to the constitution which has been guaranteed to you by the faith of the Imperial Parliament, its full action, and to recognize in the inhabitants of all classes, faithful subjects of the Queen, entitled to the equal enjoyment of the rights and privileges of free Britons. I can endure without repining, whatever reproach I may be subjected to in such a cause. But the people of Canada have much at stake in the solution of the question which the foes of their liberties have attempted to raise, and the unanimity with which they are coming forward in support of the Government, shows that they are conscious of its importance and real character.

Even if the measure of indemnity to which you refer had been more objectionable than it is, it would still have been the duty and interest of all lovers of true freedom and of order which is amongst its most valuable fruits, to protest against the outrageous assaults on the fundamental principles of constitutional government, for which it has been made the pretext. But I am bound to say, in justice to the large majority of your representatives by whom this Bill was sanctioned, that it is my firm belief that they did not intend in passing it to countenance rebellion, or to compensate the losses of persons guilty of the heinous crime of treason; but that their purpose was to make provision for the payment of claims arising from the wanton and unnecessary destruction of property, which is the cruel though perhaps inevitable accompaniment of civil warfare, claims which had been already recognized by the deliberate acts of preceding Parliaments and Governments. Under this conviction I assented to the Bill, and in this spirit only could I ever consent to the Executive Government to give effect to it.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

St. THOMAS.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, inhabitants of St. Thomas and vicinity, in the London district, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency with unfeigned expression of our respect for your Excellency, as a statesman of distinguished ability, and as Her Majesty's representative in this province.

We beg leave to express to your Excellency our abhorrence at the unmanly insult offered to the sovereignty of our beloved Queen in your Excellency's person as Her representative, and to

the outrageous insult to the majesty of the law, in the late wanton attack on the Parliament in session, the destruction of the legislative halls, and the public records of the province.

In the passage through the Legislature of the Bills, your Excellency's assent to which, in Her Majesty's name, has been made the pretext for insult, incendiarism, and outrage, by turbulent, ambitious, and disloyal men, we have learned with satisfaction, that every form known to the constitution of our government, was fairly and fully complied with, and in giving the Royal Assent to those Bills, we recognise your Excellency's free compliance with the principles of a constitution guaranteed to the people of Canada, by the good faith of the Imperial parliament, upon the union of the provinces, as well as the fulfilment of our Gracious Sovereign's expressed determination to conduct the government of the Province in accordance with the well understood wishes of the people as expressed through their representative in Parliament.

We cannot refrain from expressing our admiration of the calm and dignified deportment exhibited by your Excellency in the midst of the violent and unmanly attacks upon your Excellency's person, and while we are confident that the well-disposed and peaceable yeomanry of the country will put themselves fearlessly into the breach to prevent the effusion of blood, we beg to assure your Excellency that the late riotous proceedings in Montreal meet with the unqualified execration of an overwhelming majority of the people of Upper Canada.

While we readily admit the right of every man and party to vindicate their honest opinions in a firm and constitutional manner, we rejoice that your Excellency has not suspended the constitution in deference to an agitation, the tone and character of which is well known to have been unwarranted by anything which transpired during the discussion of the measures of the present session, either in or out of Parliament.

We take this opportunity of declaring our conviction that the object of those who seek the recall of your Excellency and the dissolution of a fairly elected Parliament, is to deprive us of the constitutional system which we have long struggled for, and which we now happily enjoy—and having every confidence in the advisers of your Excellency, who are supported by a majority in the Parliament so lately returned by three-fourths of this province, we feel assured that your Excellency will be sustained by our Most Gracious Sovereign, and by the Imperial Parliament, and that the illustrious name of Bruce, as in your native Scotland, will descend in the memory of the people of Canada to future ages, as the dispenser of equal justice, the protection of freedom, and constitutional government.

[Here follow 304 Signatures.]

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 17, 1849.

I HAVE had the honour to receive and lay before the Governor-General an address signed by yourself and other inhabitants of the village of St. Thomas.

I am commanded by his Excellency to request that you will convey to the inhabitants of St. Thomas his assurance of the sincere pleasure with which he has received their dutiful and loyal address, and of his thanks for the kind expressions towards himself personally therein contained, which his Excellency, in common with every lover of peace and good order, cannot but deplore the recent riotous proceedings which have occurred in this city, and the attempts which have been made to obstruct the course of the Government by lawless acts of violence and incendiarism. It is indeed gratifying to him to learn from the numerous addresses with which he has lately been honoured, that those occurrences have met with the unqualified condemnation of the vast majority of the people of Canada.

Dr. Geo. Southwick, St. Thomas.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

TEMPERANCEVILLE.—LONDON DISTRICT.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned, inhabitants of the village of Temperanceville, in the London District, Canada West, beg to approach your Excellency with unfeigned expressions of our respect for your Excellency as a statesman of distinguished ability, and as Her Most Gracious Majesty's representative in this province.

We cannot refrain from giving utterance to our entire abhorrence and disgust at the disgraceful and lawless conduct of a mob which has recently been exhibited at the seat of government, and more especially at the outrageous assault upon your Excellency, whose constitutional administration of the government of this province commands our warmest admiration, and merits the approval of every lover of order and good government.

We beg further to assure your Excellency, that the inhabitants of this section of the province will at all hazards unanimously support the government in any effort that may be necessary to

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maintain law and order in the country, although we have no cause to apprehend that any unusual measures will be required.

[Here follow 143 Signatures.]

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 17, 1849.

THE Governor-General commands me to assure you, that he has received with feelings of peculiar satisfaction, the address of the inhabitants of the village of Temperanceville.

The expressions of attachment to Her Majesty's Government, and of confidence in his Excellency's administration contained in that address, are most gratifying to him; and his Excellency receives with unmixed pleasure the assurance of the inhabitants of Temperanceville, of their determination to support him in administering the affairs of the colony upon the well-recognised principles of constitutional government.

William Davis, Esq., Temperanceville.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

GRAND JURORS.—LONDON DISTRICT.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE; Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Grand Jurors in and for the London District, at the Court of Assize assembled, beg leave to approach your Excellency, as the faithful representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign, with renewed assurances of our devoted attachment to Her Majesty's person and government.

It is with deep and painful regret, that we refer to the outrageous and unmanly insult that has been offered to your Excellency, and the wanton destruction of public and private property at the seat of Government, by a lawless and infuriated mob, excited to such atrocious acts by turbulent and ambitious men, whose recent conduct is characteristic of their recklessness of the peace and prosperity of the province, and evinces their utter unworthiness of the blessings of free government; and while we desire to express to your Excellency our just abhorrence and indignation at such disgraceful proceedings, we beg to assure your Excellency that the loyalty of the main body of the people of the western as well as of the eastern division of the province, and their entire confidence in your Excellency and the present ministry remain unshaken.

We beg respectfully to request that your Excellency will convey to our beloved Queen; the expression of our heartfelt gratitude, that the administration of the government of this portion of the British empire has been entrusted to a statesman, who, in the discharge of the functions of his high office, has exhibited on all occasions a deep interest in the prosperity of the province, administrative talent of the highest order, and the strictest impartiality to all parties; and that your continued residence amongst us, as Her Majesty's representative, will be esteemed by us a sure guarantee of the enjoyment of our constitutional rights, and of Her Majesty's anxiety for the welfare of her Canadian people.

[Here follow 18 Signatures.]

Grand Jury Room, London, May 11, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 16, 1849.

THE Governor-General commands me to inform you, as Foreman of the Grand Jury of the London District, that he has read with much satisfaction the loyal address of that body.

The opinions of gentlemen of the standing and intelligence of those who compose the Grand Jury of the London District, are deserving of much consideration and respect. His Excellency receives, therefore, with peculiar pleasure, the expression of their entire approval of the impartiality of his administration, and their flattering assurance that they will consider his residence in this country as the representative of Her Majesty, as a sure guarantee of the enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

J. B. Strathy, Esq., London, C. W.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

ADOLPHUSTOWN AND FREDERICKSBURGH.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the undersigned inhabitants of Adolphustown and Fredericksburgh, in the Midland District, beg to express our sincere attachment to our beloved Queen and to the British constitution.

It is with deep sorrow that we have heard of the fearful outrages lately committed in Montreal, and in common with all other of our right-minded fellow-subjects regret the serious and irreparable loss which the province has sustained in the loss of its public libraries.

We are still more grieved to learn that Her Majesty has been grossly insulted in the person of your Excellency, Her Majesty's representative in Canada, especially as your Excellency's administration has been marked by a degree of constitutional consistency, hitherto unparalleled in the administrations of any of your Excellency's predecessors.

We, therefore, earnestly and affectionately entreat your Excellency not to be discouraged, because of the violence and wickedness of disappointed designing men.

We have every confidence in your Excellency's present advisers, with whom we pray your Excellency, in God's name, to continue administering responsible government, as conceded to us by Her Most Gracious Majesty.

[Here follow 165 Signatures.]

REPLY.

SIR.

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 12, 1849.

THE address of the inhabitants of Adolphustown and Fredericksburgh, transmitted with your letter of the 8th instant, has been received and laid before the Governor-General, who commands me to communicate to you the following reply :

His Excellency rejoices to find, from the numerous addresses which pour in from every portion of the province, that the sentiments of devotion to the Queen and constitution, and of confidence in his Excellency's administration of the government of this province, which are expressed by the inhabitants of Adolphustown and Fredericksburgh, are shared by the great body of the right-minded inhabitants of the colony.

His Excellency deplores deeply the disgraceful occurrences which have lately given to the capital of this province so sad a notoriety. But his Excellency derives much satisfaction from the belief that those acts are denounced by men of all classes from one end of the province to the other.

E. H. Culet, Esq., Adolphustown.

(Signed)

I have, &c.,

J. LESLIE, Secretary.

JURORS.—BROCK DISTRICT.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, jurors at the present assizes of the Brock district, in the province of Canada, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency and to present the renewed assurance of our unswerving attachment to Her Majesty's throne and person, as well as our full confidence in, and entire approval of your Excellency's administration of the government of this province.

While we join with your Excellency in deploring the disgraceful scenes lately exhibited in Montreal, in the destruction by fire of the public records and library, we hereby pledge ourselves to stand by your Excellency in all your efforts to maintain good order, at the risk of our fortunes and peril of our lives.

We most strongly condemn the unconstitutional system of intimidation and violence by which a minority has attempted to give a false aspect to public opinion, by which means they think to drive from power your Excellency's present justly popular ministry, who possess not only the full confidence and esteem of a very large majority of the people (as shown so recently at the election polls) but possess this confidence to an extent—and by majorities larger than any former administration in this province.

We cannot help expressing our great admiration at the forbearance of your Excellency under the numerous and gross provocations offered to your Excellency by the late rioters of Montreal, in not permitting the effusion of human blood.

We humbly and earnestly pray the great " Lord of Lords," to give to your Lordship that

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strength and courage that shall enable you calmly, but determinately, to resist every encroachment upon Her Majesty's prerogative, or the liberties of the country, and to persevere in the wise and enlightened course which has hitherto distinguished your Excellency's government in Canada.

[Here follow 35 Signatures.]

Court House, Woodstock, May 8, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 16, 1849.

THE Governor-General commands me to inform you that he has received and read with sincere gratification the loyal and constitutional sentiments contained in the address signed by you and 34 other jurors of the Brock district.

His Excellency is firmly persuaded that his present ministry enjoy the confidence, and that their measures meet with the approval, of the great majority of the electors in the province.

That in a mixed community, like ours, there should be a minority to whom the measures (however just and constitutional) of the majority in power would prove distasteful, was to be expected; but that any portion of that minority should have thought proper to have recourse to the violent and unconstitutional proceedings which have recently disgraced the capital of the province, for the purpose of securing the triumph of their own views, was not to be expected, but must be deplored.

T. S. Shenston, Esq., Woodstock, C. W.

(Signed)

I have, &c.

J. LESLIE, Secretary.

TOWNSHIP OF WOLFORD.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, the undersigned, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the township of Wolford, in the county of Grenville, and province of Canada, having heard with feelings of deep regret, sorrow, and indignation, the proceedings of a mob of riotous and disorderly inhabitants of the city of Montreal, having committed several wanton and disgraceful outrages, among which stand most prominent the gross insult upon your Excellency's person, and the destruction of the building occupied by the two Houses of Parliament, with the provincial archives and library. At such a time, we think it to be due to ourselves and our fellow subjects, to assure your Excellency of the devoted loyalty and attachment of the people of this part of the province of Canada to the person and government of our beloved Sovereign, and of our earnest desire to preserve the connexion with the parent state.

We further beg leave to express our warmest sympathy and deepest gratitude to your Excellency's firmness and justice, which has exposed you to outrage and insults, which we believe are unexampled in the history of nations, and unworthy of a civilized people, and we beg most respectfully to assure your Excellency that we have the utmost confidence in your present constitutional advisers, and most willingly tender to your Excellency our cordial support for the maintenance of public order, and for the preservation of this colony to Her Majesty's dominions; and lastly, we sincerely and devotedly trust that your Excellency may long continue to administer Her Majesty's Government in this province.

[Here follow 369 Signatures.]

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 16, 1849.

THE Governor-General commands me to inform you that he has read with sincere satisfaction the loyal address of the inhabitants of the township of Wolford, in the county of Grenville, transmitted by you, as the representative of that county in the Provincial Parliament, and to request you to convey to the signers of that address the expression of his Excellency's gratification at the loyal and patriotic sentiment it contains, and of his thanks for the warm profession which it makes of personal esteem and sympathy.

R. Burrill, Esq., M.P.P., Montreal.

(Signed)

I have, &c.,

J. LESLIE, Secretary.

TOWNSHIP OF DORCHESTER.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned, inhabitants of the township of Dorchester, beg to approach your Excellency with unfeigned expression of our respect for your Excellency, as a statesman of distinguished ability, and as Her Most Gracious Majesty's representative in this province.

We cannot refrain from giving utterance to our entire abhorrence and disgust at the disgraceful and lawless conduct of a mob which has recently been exhibited at the seat of government, and more especially at the outrageous assault upon your Excellency, whose constitutional administration of the government of this province commands our warmest admiration, and merits the approval of every lover of order and good government.

We beg further to assure your Excellency, that the inhabitants of this section of the country will, at all hazards, support the Government in any effort that may be necessary to maintain law and order in the country, although we have no cause to apprehend that any unusual measures will be required.

[Here follow 160 Signatures.]

REPLY.

SIR, Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 16, 1849.

THE Governor-General commands me to inform you that the loyal Address of the inhabitants of the township of Dorchester has afforded him much gratification.

His Excellency is happy to find that the vast majority of the inhabitants of the province denounce the recent violent and unconstitutional proceedings of a factious party in the city of Montreal, and approve of his Excellency's administration of the government of the country.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

Wm. Miles, Esq. Warden, Dorchester,
London District.

TOWNSHIP OF CLARENCE.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE the undersigned, inhabitants of the township of Clarence, beg most respectfully to approach your Excellency, in the present exciting circumstances of this colony, with an expression of our devoted loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and our grateful confidence in your Excellency's firm, impartial and enlightened administration of the government of this province.

We deplore with deep indignation the scenes recently enacted in our capital, the insults offered to your Excellency in the exercise of your duty as the Queen's Representative, the destruction of property, and the violation of law and order.

We cannot but hope that all concerned in these proceedings may, upon calm reflection, be ashamed of what they have done.

We earnestly pray that your Excellency may long continue the Governor-General of Canada, and, by steady adherence to the great principles of constitutional government, be instrumental, under a kind Providence, of continuing to us the name and privileges of British subjects.

[Here follow 60 Signatures.]

Clarence, May 7, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR, Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 16, 1849.

THE Governor-General commands me to inform you that he has received with much gratification the loyal address of the inhabitants of the township of Clarence.

His Excellency feels assured that this noble province will, under the Divine blessing, enjoy prosperity, and continue a bright jewel in the Crown of Great Britain, as long as the sentiments expressed in that address inspire the hearts of its inhabitants.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

William Edwards, Esq.,
Clarence, Ottawa District, C. W.

CANADA.

COUNTY OF L'ISLET.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of the county of L'Islet, acting in pursuance of a resolution passed at a general meeting of the said county, humbly desire to express to your Excellency the deep grief with which we have learnt the occurrence of the disgusting scenes which have lately taken place in Montreal, and the acts of violence committed by an insensate mob against the person of your Excellency while in the performance of a duty imposed upon you by the Constitution under which we live.

We equally deplore the loss of the provincial libraries and the destruction of the Parliament buildings.

We desire to express a hope that the unjustifiable acts of the rioters of Montreal, who have hitherto assumed the title of loyalists, in order to overwhelm with contempt the French Canadians, and treat them as rebels, will enable the Imperial Government to form an estimate of the sufferings which the latter had to endure while their enemies were in power, and that no obstacle interrupted the gratification of their hatred.

We feel proud of the opportunity afforded us by this solemn occasion, to place at the foot of the Throne the renewed assurance of our unalterable fidelity, and at the same time to declare that we are ready, with the mass of our countrymen, to prove our attachment to the British Crown, by responding with enthusiasm to any appeal which may be made to us, and by defeating the pretensions of our enemies, whoever they may be.

[Here follow 58 Signatures.]

L'Islet, 6th May, 1849.

REPLY.

SIR,

Secretary's Office, Montreal, May 14, 1849.

THE address to the Governor-General which you have transmitted to me on behalf of the Committee appointed at the meeting of the county of L'Islet, is one of the numerous proofs which his Excellency has already received and continues to receive, of the sentiments of true loyalty which animates the inhabitants of this province; and his Excellency has no doubt that the anxiety they have evinced to testify, simultaneously at the present crisis, their respect for the constituted authorities will fully prove, if such proof be necessary, that Her Majesty never had more faithful subjects than the Canadian people.

C. J. Fournier, Esq., M. P. P.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

No. 5.

(No. 47.)

No. 5.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Montreal,

MY LORD,

May 21, 1849.

(Received June 5, 1849.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit a copy of a communication which I have received from the gentlemen acting on behalf of a public meeting held in this city, on the 27th of April, enclosing a copy* of the petition to Her Majesty which they intend to forward to England by Sir Allan M'Nab.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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Enclosure 1 in No. 5.

Montreal, May 19, 1849.

HAVING been appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the transmission of the petition to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, voted at the public meeting held on the Champ de Mars, on Friday, the 27th ult., we have the honour to transmit a certified copy of the petition, and to acquaint you, for the information of his Excellency the Governor-General, that the presentation of the original in England is intrusted to Sir Allan N. MacNab.

Major Thomas E. Campbell,
Governor-General's Secretary.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) G. MOFFATT,
JOHN MOLSON,
HENRY CHAPMAN.

* Copy not received from the Governor, nor the original yet delivered by Sir Allan M'Nab.

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No. 6.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of
ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

MY LORD,

Government House, Montreal,

May 21, 1849.

(Received June 5, 1849.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit for your Lordship's information, a copy of a letter written to my Military Secretary, Colonel Bruce, by the leading members of a deputation from the town of Hamilton, who lately visited me with an address, with reference to a petition to the Queen which the Mayor is said to have sent to England.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, (Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 6.

Encl. in No. 6.

SIR,

Montreal, May 14, 1849.

A PUBLIC Meeting having lately been held at the city of Hamilton, at which a petition was adopted to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to recall his Excellency the Governor-General from the government of this province, and at the same time an address having been signed by 1,353 of the adult male population of the same city to his Excellency, containing contrary sentiments, and which we had the honour of presenting to his Excellency this day, we feel it to be due to his Excellency to make a concise statement of facts, in order to enable his Excellency to form a correct opinion respecting these contradictory movements.

It was originally determined by the Committee who had in charge the address which we had the honour of presenting, that, in the present excited state of the public mind, it was not advisable to call a public meeting, but to circulate the address for signature. After the address had received more than 1,000 names a public meeting was called by the Mayor of Hamilton, upon a requisition, signed by a number of individuals, known to be opposed to the address.

The Committee to which we have referred; upon consultation came to the conclusion that, as the address had already been subscribed by a majority of the male adult population, and which therefore must be regarded as the opinion of the city, it was not advisable to attend at the meeting thus called, but to leave it in the hands of the signers of the requisition. The Committee, with this view, issued an address to the inhabitants of the city, calling upon them to abstain from attending the meeting. Upon the day of the meeting about 300 persons assembled, of whom about 200 were inhabitants of the city, and the remainder drawn from the country. They then proceeded to adopt an address to Her Majesty, praying for the recall of his Excellency and other matters of a similar character; and, as we are informed, procured the same to be subscribed by the Mayor (who, since his elevation to that office, has, on several occasions displayed a warm zeal in the Conservative cause), in the name and on behalf of the city; and transmitted the same to Lord Stanley, for presentation. We beg leave to add, that the whole population of the city of Hamilton, as ascertained by the census of 1848, amounted to 10,011; and, at a liberal estimate the male adult population may number 2,000. Of this number 1,353 have signed the address presented to his Excellency. Many more must have been unavoidably overlooked in handing about the address, and we feel assured that but few can be found in the city who could be induced to subscribe to an address such as that adopted at the public meeting above alluded to.

We desire to add, that the above statement is made on our own responsibility, as we do not feel ourselves authorized, as a deputation, to express any opinion in the name of the signers to the address we had the honour to present to his Excellency, beyond what is contained in that address.

We have, &c.,

(Signed)

GEO. S. TIFFANY.
GEO. W. BARTON.
JOHN R. HOLDEN.
CHARLES O'CONNELL.
JOSEPH ROBINSON.
JAMES FARISH.
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