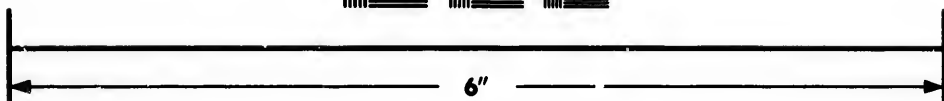
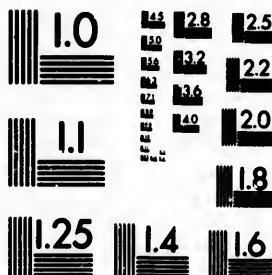


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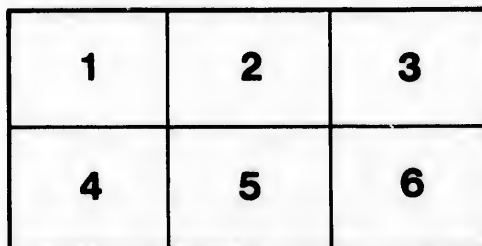
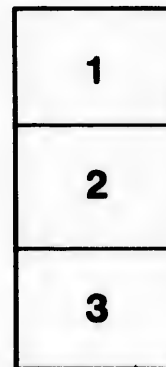
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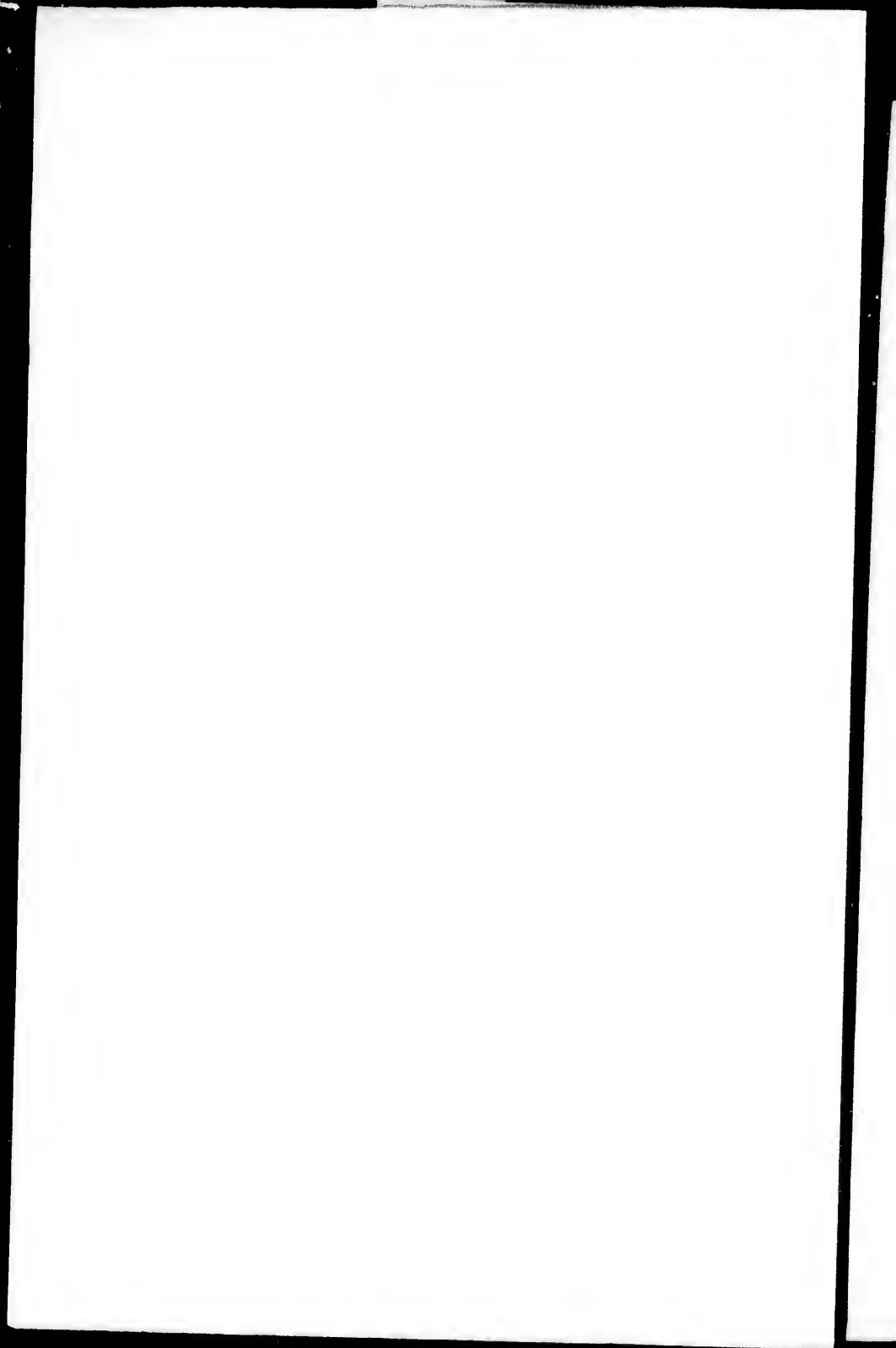
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ADDRESSES

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR IN CHIEF,

FROM

DIFFERENT PARTS

OF

LOWER-CANADA,

WITH

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWERS.

**TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable
GEORGE, EARL of DALHOUSIE, Baron Dal-
housie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand
Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order
of the Bath, Captain General and Governor
in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower
and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE the subscribers, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal sub-
jects, Inhabitants of the City and District of Montreal, in
the Province of Lower Canada, beg leave most respectfully
to approach your Excellency upon the occasion of the late
Prorogation of the Provincial Assembly.

The course of previous measures long and systematically
pursued by our Provincial House of Assembly, as well in re-
gard to the financial as other momentous questions, had
often been such as to produce in us, feelings of deep and
painful solicitude. To the experience of immediate incon-
veniences were added more gloomy forebodings of future
evils.

We have seen the Revenue of our sister Province of Up-
per Canada, unjustly withheld until it became necessary to
re-establish her rights, by the interposition of the Imperial
Parliament. We have seen a system of temporary laws conti-
nually expiring, or requiring constant renewal, almost uni-
versally substituted in the stead of permanent legislation ;
as if to reduce all things, to which other countries have
deemed it requisite to give stability, into precarious depen-
dence upon the will of an elective body, which has for years
been attempting to usurp the powers of the Executive, and
encroach upon the Prerogatives of the Crown. We have seen
the right of having representatives in our Legislatures,
which is at present confined to the French seigniories, refus-
ed to the English portion of Lower Canada, namely, the
Townships, unless upon terms which would have rendered
its accordance a delusion, and a mockery. We have seen
Offices of Registry, such as exist in all English Colonies,
and are indispensable to the security of titles to property in

the English portion of the Province, refused to the reiterated prayers of its inhabitants, notwithstanding the recommendation of the government in its favor, under this pretext amongst others, that such Registries are incompatible with French and feudal Laws, and this notwithstanding the beneficence of the Imperial Parliament, which has enacted that these French Laws shall not operate upon lands under English tenures. We have even seen measures adopted by the House of Assembly to obtain the repeal of this beneficent Act of the Imperial Parliament, whereby the unrepresented English Inhabitants of the Townships would be placed in a still more calamitous situation than at present; and we cannot but perceive that the scope and tendency of the course pursued by the Assembly of Lower Canada must render this extensive Province, chiefly waste and unsettled at present, unfit for the object which the Mother Country must have most at heart, namely, that it should afford the means of advantageous settlement to British Emigrants, and constitute an asylum and a home for her surplus population.

But although we had observed with melancholy presentiments the tendency of the course adopted, which, from the defective state of our representation, derived only from the Seigniories, was unalterable, except by some interposition of the Parent Country, (such as occurred to repress the injustice attempted towards Upper Canada, we were nevertheless not prepared for so sudden an exhibition of the spirit of domination, so haughty a disregard of the Prerogatives of the Crown, and so wanton a violation of the Constitution under which alone they exist, as has been manifested by the Assembly immediately before the recent Prorogation.

We feel deeply that it has been to the power and Prerogatives of the Crown that, under Providence, we must chiefly ascribe the preservation of those characteristics by which this Province can be distinguished as an English Colony. We feel these Prerogatives and power, necessary to good Government throughout the British dominions, must be, to us in this Province more essential, as constituting our chief refuge in danger, our strong tower of defence against feudal ascendancy, and our sole reliance against anarchy and confusion.

For your Excellency's measures and determination to uphold these just and necessary Prerogatives, in their due and

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legal efficiency, we beg leave gratefully to express our heartfelt thanks. We cannot doubt that these measures will meet the decided approbation of our beloved and most Gracious Sovereign, to whom, and to the Parent Country we can alone look, under Providence, for the future establishment of a state of things such as may render this Province a secure and desirable asylum for our fellow subjects from Britain.

While we thus gratefully acknowledge your Excellency's sense of duty in supporting the most essential Prerogatives of the Crown, and your unabated zeal for the welfare and improvement of the Country, amidst unhappy divisions, calculated to paralyze your laudable efforts, and while we also recollect the blessings experienced by the Sister Province of Nova-Scotia under your Administration, we cherish the hope that the recent proceedings of the House of Assembly may induce His Majesty's Government to take our situation into their serious consideration, with the view of speedily repairing the defects and correcting the errors which past experience, and the recent assumptions of the Assembly have tended to expose. And we also fervently cherish the hope that the firmness and energy which have marked your Lordship's conduct on this and other important occasions, will not be relaxed in the present arduous circumstances of your Administration, which we trust will be long, and distinguished by obtaining an effectual remedy to our grievances.

Amidst these hopes, derived from your character and conduct, we feel assured that your Excellency will experience the noblest of all rewards, not only in the approbation of our Gracious and beloved Sovereign, but in the consciousness of having discharged the duties of your exalted station, for the welfare and prosperity of His Majesty's faithful subjects.

[Signed by upwards of 7000 persons.]

ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

The circumstances which called for the late sudden prorogation of the Provincial Parliament, were truly such as might well produce feelings of deep and painful solicitude in the minds of all the respectable classes of society. In this Address you have traced most justly the mischievous tendency

of the measures pursued for years past in the Provincial House of Assembly; although the effect of these measures has been long felt in the total stop put to the progress of public improvement, I look upon that as nothing when compared with the recent more daring attempt to deny the Royal Prerogative, not a doubtful right, nor a mere form of empty words, but a prerogative unquestionably established and universally known, disputed once at a remote early period in the British Parliament, frequently objected to in the Colonial Assemblies, it has been in every instance most clearly and firmly established.

I cannot believe, that this recent Act of the Assembly sprung out of ignorance; some of the leaders of the factious measures pursued in that body are well informed men, and for that reason it becomes the duty of all to stand forward who value the blessings they enjoy under the British Constitution.

In these feelings, gentlemen, I receive this Address with no ordinary satisfaction; I think it peculiarly well timed at this moment, I admire the comprehensive view it takes of the past and present circumstances of public affairs, and the moderation with which it speaks of the misfortunes now flowing from that very source from whence the Executive Government should derive support and obtain the means of encouraging public improvement; but above all, I admire and applaud that dutiful confidence with which so large a number of the respectable inhabitants in the District of Montreal appeal to His Majesty's Government, to correct the errors and repair the defects which past experience has now exposed.

I deeply regret, gentlemen, that I cannot personally lay your Address at His Majesty's feet, so sincerely do I desire to add to it the utmost weight which my station amongst you might give to it; nothing that I can urge, however, shall be wanting to recommend the sentiments and opinions expressed in it to the immediate and favorable consideration of His Majesty's Secretary of State.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the gratifying approbation which you express of my own conduct in the recent proceedings. My duty is very plain, and I beg you to be assured, that it shall be my constant study so to act that while I firmly maintain the Prerogative of the Crown, I shall always, as faithfully, guard the Rights of the People.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable
GEORGE EARL DALHOUSIE, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Inhabitants of the City and Vicinity of Quebec, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Excellency for the purpose of expressing the entire satisfaction we have derived from the firm and dignified conduct evinced by your Excellency, on the recent meeting of the Legislature of this Province, in the judicious exercise of the Royal Prerogative, by the disallowance of the Speaker, chosen by the House of Assembly, and in the Prorogation of the House on their subsequent proceedings.

The Prerogative of His Majesty, to disallow the Election of a Speaker of the House, we maintain to be incontestible and co-ordinate with the right of approval of that choice.

We deeply regret in common with other of His Majesty's subjects, solicitous for the welfare, peace and Constitutional Government of this part of His Majesty's Dominions, that a sufficient regard for established authority and for the Public Interest was not found in the Majority of the House of Assembly to have restrained them from their pertinacious perseverance in the Election of the person disallowed by your Lordship: and while we view the interruption of Public Business by the Prorogation of the Legislature as a most serious evil to the Province, we are at the same time fully satisfied that under the circumstances, there was no alternative left for your Lordship, on this uncommon and trying occasion.

The occurrences which have rendered the Prorogation unavoidable, as well as the frequent difficulties which have

arisen in the Provincial Legislature for some years past, we feel to be most injurious to the happiness and welfare of the Province; and having arrived at this crisis, may we venture humbly to express our hope that your Excellency will make such representations to His Majesty's Government as will call for their immediate enquiry, in order to apply a remedy to the existing evil, that we may enjoy in tranquillity, the inestimable blessings and advantages of our connection with the Mother Country, and of our happy Constitution ?

We cannot conclude this expression of our sentiments, without assuring your Excellency of our unalterable determination to afford your Excellency all the support in our power, in maintaining His Majesty's Prerogative and the Constitution of this Province, as by Law established.

[Signed by upwards of 2,700 persons.]

ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

While I have the happiness to receive Addresses from almost all parts of the Province, in approbation of my conduct in the late sudden Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament, there is none which can afford me greater satisfaction than this Address from the Inhabitants of the City and vicinity of Quebec.

Living in the midst of them, and observed by them more closely in all the measures of the Administration of Government, I feel that they are perhaps better qualified than others to judge of the circumstances under which I have acted; and I am, therefore, the more gratified by this expression of their approbation. I entirely agree with you that at the crisis to which the existence of the Constitutional Government has been brought, some immediate and effectual remedy is called for; and I shall not fail to make the most earnest representations to His Majesty's Government; in which I shall feel myself strongly supported by this Address from the City of Quebec.

I accept with great satisfaction the promises of support to His Majesty's Government which you have now offered; I still confidently look forward to that coming day, when all

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hearts in this Province will loyally unite in protecting the Constitution, and resisting the encroachments of a Faction, which, though small in number, has set itself up as the voice of the whole country. The people of the Province have been deceived and misled; but truth will prevail, and they will at last see the real cause from whence so much difficulty and so much mischief has arisen.

(Signed)

DALHOUSIE.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of Three Rivers, deeming it necessary, in the present critical conjuncture, to avail ourselves of the right of Britons to meet and consult together when our dearest rights and most valuable privileges are menaced, beg permission to approach your Excellency with the result of our deliberations, in the firm but respectful expectation, that, should your Excellency consider the genuine unprejudiced sentiments of so large a portion of His Majesty's faithful subjects worthy of attention, you will be pleased to lay them before

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the Imperial Government of our beloved Sovereign ; being, in our humble opinion, the only source whence we can now expect relief from the many public evils of which we complain, and under which we have too long been labouring.

Should your Excellency condescend to peruse the Resolutions which we have now the honor of presenting, and which were carried by the acclamations of one of the most numerous public meetings that ever took place in our part of the Province, it will be found that our grounds of complaint, against the popular branch of the Provincial Legislature, are no less weighty than numerous. We complain, generally, that that body have assumed and arrogated to themselves powers which were neither conferred, nor intended to be conferred upon them by the Constitution, and which, if admitted, would inevitably destroy the whole fabric of our social compact. We complain, particularly that they have refused to co-operate with the other branches of the Legislature in granting to His Majesty's subjects in this Province, that security of property which is so pre-eminently enjoyed in every other part of the empire ; that they have refused to enfranchise fifty thousand of His Majesty's loyal subjects in the Townships, entitled to all the privileges of British subjects ; that they have not only refused to grant supplies in aid of the funds at the disposal of His Majesty for defraying the expences of the Civil Administration of Justice and of the support of the Civil Government in this Province, but have arrogated to themselves the sole right of disposing of and appropriating those funds, though secured to His Majesty by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, viz. the 14th George III. chapter 88. ; that it is principally owing to their groundless pretensions and unparalleled usurpations on this subject, the civil miseries of this Province are mainly to be attributed ; and that unless speedily checked by the firm arm of the supreme authority of the Mother Country, we may yet live to record and to lament transactions the most dangerous to the welfare of our Civil Government and society, and scenes the most disgraceful to virtuous and loyal citizens. We also complain, that they have refused to admit your Excellency's negative upon their choice of Speaker, and persisted in declaring that choice absolute without the approbation of your Excellency ; thus denying an undoubted Prerogative of the Crown and an inherent principle of the Constitution ; and that their uni-

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form disregard and contempt of your Excellency's recommendations, even when accompanied by instructions and despatches from His Majesty's Paternal Government, betray a spirit no less destructive of the supremacy of the Mother Country, than hurtful and prejudicial to the true interests of His Majesty's loyal subjects in this Province. We complain, moreover, that a leading and influential party amongst them, untrue to their duty as representatives of a free people, and disregarding that generous spirit of conciliation which should ever characterize the people of this Province, and permanently unite them in one bond of national feeling and sentiment, avail themselves of every means and opportunity to institute civil and religious distinctions for purposes as unworthy of true patriotism as detrimental to the happiness and prosperity of this part of the British Empire.

These, may it please your Excellency, are our complaints. They might have been magnified and extended; but no courage can gainsay, no ingenuity can controvert them. If we have spoken boldly, we have also spoken truly; and truth, my Lord, is the best Counsellor in times of public danger, and the best safeguard of a free people, even when misrule stalks through the country.

But in availing ourselves of our right to complain, we must not forget that there are other duties equally incumbent upon us. It is therefore, with the most unfeigned and heartfelt gratitude that we beg permission to offer to your Excellency the sincere tribute of our thanks for having on so many important occasions maintained the honor and dignity of the exalted situation which you fill with such general approbation; and, in particular, for having, with a firmness peculiar to your rank and station, shielded our Constitution from some of the most daring attacks that were ever contemplated by any legislative body, either metropolitan or provincial; for having withstood encroachments of the popular branch of the Legislature of this Province no less derogatory to the established prerogatives of the Crown, than subversive of that system of Government which has exalted us in freedom and renown above every other nation; and thus, in a manner, standing between us and anarchy the most alarming. To recapitulate, indeed, the many instances of your Excellency's Constitutional conduct both as an Executive Magistrate and Legislative Governor which this Province has witnessed, would be to detail every act of your administration since the era of

your Excellency's arrival amongst us. But into such a detail, however agreeable to our sentiments and pleasing to our feelings we shall not at present enter: satisfying ourselves with a grateful remembrance of them, and a confident hope that the time is far distant when we shall be deprived of services so well calculated to promote the general prosperity of the Province, and, if that were possible, exalt our veneration for the justice, equity and generosity of His Majesty's Paternal Government.

Again we beg leave to thank—sincerely to thank your Excellency for all you have done towards the preservation of our dearest and most valuable rights, and to assure you, that the accomplishment of our humble desires on the present occasion, will be a lasting memorial no less of our affection for a Sovereign and Government ever great, liberal, just, and beneficent, than of those obligations under which your Excellency's public and private virtues have so peculiarly placed us.
[Signed by upwards of 800]

ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

I have perused with great attention the Resolutions of the Public Meeting at Three-Rivers, and I need not say that I receive with the greatest satisfaction, the Address founded upon them.—I acknowledge that you have spoken in them the language of truth, with the boldness which becomes British Subjects when claiming their rights.

A detail of the occurrences which have led to this manly and loyal appeal to His Majesty's Government, has been already transmitted to His Majesty's Secretary of State; and the sentiments I have expressed will be impressively urged by the support which your Address and Resolutions will give to them.

I am highly gratified by the assurance in this Address that my general conduct in the administration of the Government has merited so much public approbation in the District of Three-Rivers.

I assumed the Government more than seven years ago, in the most anxious desire to conciliate all differences, and work

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sincerely for the public good.—That desire has ever remained undiminished : But I have been forced to defend the plainest principles of the Constitution, and the most undoubted prerogatives of the Crown, against encroachments.—You may be assured that I shall continue to do so, confident of the ultimate support of all His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects in this Province ; and I only do an act of justice when I add, that in that class I comprehend a very large proportion of the people which has submitted to be blinded and misled.

(Signed)

DALHOUSIE.

To His Excellency George, Earl of Dalhousie,
 Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable
 Military Order of the Bath, Captain General
 and Governor in Chief, in and over the Pro-
 vinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada,
 Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the Loyal Inhabitants of the Royal Borough of William Henry and its vicinity, viewing with entire approbation the measures of your Lordship's administration as calculated to promote the honor and interests of the British Empire generally, and of His Majesty's North American Colonies particularly,—beg leave to approach your Lordship with this expression of our firm attachment to those measures, and our determination to stand by and support your Lordship in maintaining the just prerogative of the British Crown and the rights of His Majesty's subjects, which we firmly believe to be the sole objects of your Excellency's administration.

[Signed by 97]

ANSWER.

MR. STUART,

Do me the favor to express to the Inhabitants of the Royal Borough of William Henry, and of its vicinity, the pleasure I have felt in receiving the Address you have pre-

mented to me in their name—I trust that the Inhabitants of William Henry will be always assured, that notwithstanding the clamour, or abuse of faction, I shall never shrink from the faithful discharge of my duty, and thereby lay a claim to the approbation of every reasonable and loyal man in the Province.

To His Excellency George, EARL OF DALHOUSIE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, the subscribers, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of New Glasgow and its vicinity, County of Effingham, District of Montreal, beg leave to approach you with the warmest sentiments of respect, appreciating the mildness and equity of your Excellency's administration; the progressive improvement of this Province under your fostering hand, and the liberal system of Policy your Excellency is always disposed to pursue.

We regret and decidedly condemn the conduct of a faction in this Province whose tenets have a direct tendency to annihilate the Prerogatives of the Crown, who are deficient in the duty and respect they owe to your Excellency as invested with the Government of this Province, and who zealously seem opposed to every thing tending to enlighten and improve the Country. We applaud the uncompromising firmness and fidelity manifested by your Excellency in withstanding the machinations of these misguided men, and while we contemplate that some decisive measure will be adopted by the Imperial Government effectually to put a stop to these dissensions, we rest confident that it will be tempered with that moderation and justice that will not punish the innocent for, nor with the guilty.

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We only beg leave to add that we are constrained by a sense of duty to come forward at this conjuncture to avow our determined resolution to support your Excellency in the exercise of Loyalty to our King, faithful adherence to the British Constitution, and the maintenance of public tranquility.

[Signed by 198.]

New Glasgow, 11th December 1827.

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To His Excellency George Earl of Dalhousie,
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the undersigned, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the County of Effingham, beg leave to approach your Excellency, to express our entire respect for your Excellency's public and private character and our approbation of your Excellency's measures in the administration of the Government of this Province.

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Not yielding to the inhabitants of any part of the British Empire, in our attachment to those principles of our glorious constitution which are peculiarly calculated to secure the rights and liberties of the people, we feel it equally our duty to stand forward when occasion shall require in defence of the just prerogatives of the Crown; being fully persuaded that these rightly understood, are among the best of safeguards of the Constitution. We have therefore witnessed with great anxiety and regret the difficulties which have so long existed in this Province, even before your Excellency's administration, amongst the Legislative bodies upon financial matters, and we have deeply deplored the obstinacy and violence with which your Excellency's efforts for the adjustment of these difficulties have in the Assembly been entirely defeated.

We acknowledge with gratitude the attention which your Excellency has ever manifested to the best interests and permanent improvement of the Country; and we deeply lament that your Excellency's various and repeated recommendations to the Provincial Legislature for the benefit of the Province, for the improvement of its institutions, and development of its resources, have been disregarded in the Assembly, or have been rendered unavailing by the baneful predominance of a factious party grasping at unconstitutional power.

We have viewed with increasing concern and alarm the persevering efforts of that party to sow discontent among the population of the Province, naturally, quiet, loyal, and well disposed; and to bring His Majesty's Executive Government into discredit and contempt among them by the sedulous exercise of all the arts of misrepresentation and abuse; But we were not prepared for the crisis which has now arrived; when by the influence of that party a majority has been found in the Assembly to deny and resist, as far as in them lay, one of the most ancient and undoubted prerogatives of the Crown, in the confirmation or rejection of the Speaker chosen by the Commons. We are convinced that in the exercise of that high prerogative in this instance your Excellency has been actuated by the strongest considerations of expediency and necessity, and by a sense of duty to our Gracious Sovereign, and to the Country; and while we lament that the Assembly have, by their denial of the constitutional power vested in the Crown, at once arrested the course of public business in the Legislature, and violated in an important point that law and constitution under which they exist, it is to us a gratifying and consolatory reflection that the existing and lawful powers of Government will still continue to be wielded by your Excellency with a firm and steady hand, unmoved by the arts of the designing or the violence of the more open enemies of good order; and we beg leave to tender to your Excellency the assurance of our deep respect and of our unqualified approbation and support in your determination to maintain the just authority of the Crown, and to exercise it for the welfare and happiness of the people.

[Signed by 54.]

Terrebonne, 17th December 1827.

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ANSWER.

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,
Quebec, 23d December, 1827.

SIR,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to request that you will convey to the Inhabitants of the settlement of New-Glasgow and the vicinity, and those also in your own immediate neighbourhood, His Excellency's best thanks for the two addresses signed by them respectively, which he has received through your hands.

His Excellency is happy to find, that the population in the new and distant settlements, are alive to the discussions of public concerns, interesting to them as affecting the improvement of the Province and the government of it. It is gratifying to him to learn, that they place their confidence in His Majesty's Representative in the Province, and that they justly appreciate the value of that constitution under which they live in peace and safety.

His Excellency receives their expressions of approbation of his conduct with lively satisfaction, and he will not fail to transmit these addresses to His Majesty's Government as containing the sentiments of loyal, peaceful and happy subjects of His Majesty in this Province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obdt. servt.

(Signed) A. W. COCHRAN,
Secretary.

The Hon. R. MCKENZIE, Esquire.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Subscribers, Seigneurs, Magistrates, Militia Officers and other loyal subjects, Inhabitants of the Seigniory of Chambly, Parish of St. Luc and vicinity, in the Province of Lower Canada, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Excellency upon the occasion of the late Prorogation of the Provincial Assembly.

The course of measures pursued for some time past by our Provincial House of Assembly, as well in regard to Financial as other momentous questions, has been such as to produce in us feelings of deep and painful solicitude.

We have seen the Revenue of our Sister Province of Upper Canada unjustly withheld, until it became necessary to re-establish her rights by the interposition of the Imperial Parliament.

We have seen a system of temporary Laws continually expiring, or requiring constant renewal, almost universally substituted in the stead of permanent legislation, as if to reduce all things to which other countries have deemed it requisite to give stability, into precarious dependance upon the will of an Elective Body, which has been attempting to usurp the powers of the Executive and encroach upon the Prerogatives of the Crown.

We have seen Offices of Registry, such as exist in all English Colonies, and are indispensable to the security of Titles of Property in this Province, refused to the reiterated prayers of its inhabitants, notwithstanding the recommendation of Government in its favor, and we firmly believe, that if the present pernicious system of the House of Assembly should be persevered in, that this extensive Province, chiefly waste

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and unsettled at present will be rendered unfit for the object which the Mother Country must have most at heart, namely, that it should afford the means of advantageous settlement to British Emigrants, and constitute an asylum and a home for her surplus population.

Lastly— We have been overwhelmed with astonishment at the sudden exhibition of a spirit of domination, a haughty disregard of the Prerogatives of the Crown, and a wanton violation of the Constitution under which alone they exist, which has been manifested by the Provincial House of Assembly immediately before the recent Prorogation.

We feel deeply that it has been to the power and Prerogatives of the Crown that under Providence we most chiefly ascribe the preservation of those characteristics by which this Province can be distinguished as an English Colony.—For your Excellency's measures and determination to uphold these just and necessary Prerogatives in their due and legal efficiency, we beg leave gratefully to express our heartfelt thanks.—We cannot doubt that these measures will meet the decided approbation of our beloved and most gracious Sovereign, to whom we can alone look for the future establishment of a state of things such as may render this Province a secure and desirable asylum for our fellow subjects from Britain.—While we thus gratefully acknowledge your Excellency's sense of duty in supporting the most essential Prerogatives of the Crown, and your unabated zeal for the welfare and improvement of the Country, we cherish the hope that the recent proceedings of the House of Assembly may induce His Majesty's Government to take our situation into their serious consideration, with a view of speedily repairing the defects and correcting the errors which past experience and the recent assumptions of the Assembly have tended to expose, and we also fervently cherish the hope that the firmness and energy which have marked your Lordship's conduct on this and other important occasions, will not be relaxed in the present arduous circumstances of your Administration, which we trust will be long, and distinguished by obtaining an effectual remedy to our grievances.

Amid these hopes, derived from your character and conduct, we feel assured that your Excellency will experience the noblest of all rewards, not only in the approbation of Our

Gracious and Beloved Sovereign, but in the consciousness of having discharged the duties of your exalted station, for the welfare and prosperity of His Majesty's faithful subjects.

[Signed by about 750 persons.]

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable
 GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE, Baron Dal-
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 of the Bath, Captain General and Govern-
 in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-
 Canada, Upper-Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects residing in the Parish of Laprairie and vicinity, most respectfully embrace the present period to express our devoted attachment to the Government, under which we have the happiness to live, and also our high sense of Your Excellency's dignified conduct in the maintenance of the Prerogative of the Crown, by the late Prorogation of our Provincial Parliament, as well as our entire approbation of Your Administration throughout.

We trust that the period is near at hand when the misunderstandings which have in a great degree interfered with the prosperity and improvement of this country, will be completely removed,—That Your Excellency may long remain with us in your present elevated station, and have the satisfaction of observing the fruits of your judicious measures, is our most ardent wish.

[Signed by 80 persons.]

ANSWER.

E. HENRY, Esqr.

5th January, 1828.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of the Address from the In-

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habitants of Laprairie, which you forwarded with your letter of 27th December, and His Excellency desires me to express to you, and through you to the subscribers to the Address, his best thanks for this very grateful expression of their approbation of his conduct in the Administration of the Government, and particularly in the recent Prorogation of the Assembly.

I have &c.

A. W. COCHRAN.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable George, Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, residing in the Parish of St. Philippe and its vicinity (County of Huntingdon, Lower-Canada) beg leave most respectfully to Address Your Excellency on the late Prorogation of the Provincial Assembly. It has been painful for us to observe, for some time past, the conduct of the majority of that House, in their total want of regard for the Prerogatives of the Crown, and the true interests of the Province, which has been manifest in their refusal of salutary Laws which have often been recommended and solicited by Your Excellency, and by Petitions from the enlightened part of the community—that there has been a manifest trifling, and passing over with indifference, matters of importance, and thereby Session after Session passes over without any thing essential being done for the good of the Province, and that the general tendency of their conduct has been to misrepresent measures, thereby endeavouring to poison the minds of the public. We would further state that we believe that it is to the influence and wise measures of Your Excellency we are indebted for those privileges we enjoy as British subjects; we would, therefore, beg leave to assure Your Excellency that the measures you have adopted in the

Prorogation of the House of Assembly and other parts of your Administration—meet our unqualified approbation, (and for which we return our grateful thanks) and we doubt not but they will meet the approbation of His Majesty, and the Government under which we have the happiness to live. We would, therefore, entreat Your Excellency to use your influence with His Majesty and those in authority to take our situation into consideration, and grant us that relief and security, and place us in that state of independence and equality, which is our right as British subjects, and make this country, which we must now call our home, a secure and happy Asylum for us and our posterity, which in the present state of our Representation we do not enjoy.

That it may please His Majesty, long to continue Your Excellency in your elevated situation, and that you may long live to see effects of your wise and judicious administration, in the prosperity and welfare of the Country over which you preside, is our fervent prayer.

[Signed by 85 persons.]

ANSWER.

L. KIDD, Esq. Laprairie.

31st December, 1827.

SIR,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of the Address of a number of the Inhabitants of St. Philippe to His Excellency, which accompanied your letter of 25th instant, and I am to convey to them through you, the assurance that His Excellency has already submitted to His Majesty's Government the heavy and well grounded complaints of His Majesty's loyal subjects in various parts of this Province, who suffer from the consequences of the divisions which prevail in the Legislature, more particularly at the present moment, when such daring encroachments have been attempted upon the well established Prerogative Rights of the Crown. His Excellency feels it his duty to guard the Constitution and Government of this Province from all such attempts, and in doing so his best exertions shall not be wanting to obtain an equal and full enjoyment of that admirable Constitution for all classes of the people in every part of the Province.

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the undersigned Inhabitants of Drummondville and of the adjoining settlements, have observed with unfeigned regret, the unconstitutional attempts of a Faction, to thwart Your Excellency, in your endeavors to promote the advancement of this Province. We therefore feel called upon to approach Your Excellency for the purpose of tendering our humble assurances of our unabated and unshaken loyalty, and to declare our attachment to Your Excellency's Administration, which has ever been marked for its wisdom; and we also beg leave to express our admiration of Your Excellency's firmness on every occasion, particularly in repelling the recent during attempt of the Representative Branch of the Government to deny the undoubted Prerogative of our beloved Sovereign. Recognizing, with gratitude, in Your Excellency, the able and faithful guardian of our rights as British subjects, and humbly hoping that the present expression of men of tried loyalty may not be deemed untimely, nor be unwelcome to Your Excellency, we subscribe ourselves, Your Excellency's faithful, dutiful and loyal servants.

Drummondville, 5th Jany. 1828.

[Signed by nearly two hundred respectable inhabitants.]

ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of the Address from the Inhabitants of Drummondville and its vicinity, which you lately transmitted to be laid before His Excellency, and I am to convey to

you, and to request that you will express to the Inhabitants who have signed this Address with you, His Excellency's thanks for the sentiments it contains, assuring them that His Excellency well knows the character of loyalty and industry that belongs to the young settlement at Drummondville. His Excellency the more particularly regrets the present state of things with reference to that part of the Province, as it is in such young and rising settlements that the aid of the Provincial Government is most especially wanted, and would be most immediately felt.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

A. W. COCHRAN, Secy.

Major PLOYARDT and
JAMES MILLAR, Esq.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable
GEORGE, EARL of DALHOUSIE, Baron Dal-
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in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower
and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the Subscribers, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the Parish of Berthier, and County of Warwick, beg leave to approach Your Excellency at this crisis of the public affairs of the Province, with sentiments of dutiful respect and attachment to His Majesty's Person, and also with deep and sincere gratitude for the benefits we have received from his paternal, liberal and enlightened government.

We would also beg leave to approach Your Excellency with feelings of respect for those public and private virtues which

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have shone so conspicuous in Your Excellency's conduct during the period you have presided over this important portion of His Majesty's Dominions; and to assure Your Excellency that we have ever considered those virtues a sure pledge of your ardent and unremitting zeal to promote and establish the prosperity of this Province..

We would likewise beg leave to state to Your Excellency, that if the many advantages that ought to have accrued to this Province, from the wisdom of Your Excellency's Administration, have not been realised, it may be attributed to the unwarrantable pretensions of our House of Assembly and their adherence to a line of conduct opposed to the Prerogative of the Crown and to the character and dignity of their own body.

And lastly, we would beg leave to submit to Your Excellency that, enjoying as we do the protection of a Constitution that forbids "us to believe that any political evil, can exist without "a remedy," although we must confess that the conduct of the House of Assembly has excited in us feelings of deep regret and solicitude; yet at the same time, having full confidence in the wisdom and prudence of the parent country, and also in Your Excellency's firm and temperate measures on this trying occasion, we feel persuaded that such arrangements will be pursued as effectually to preclude the possibility of a renewal of a similar state of things, and we fervently hope that it is reserved for Your Excellency to see this Province in the full enjoyment of the blessings of unanimity and prosperity, which have been so long the object of Your Excellency's unremitting exertions to promote.

[Signed by near 800 persons.]

Berthier, 16th January, 1828.

ANSWER.

MR. ANTROBUS,

I must request of you to convey to the Inhabitants of the Parish of Berthier and County of Warwick who have put their Signatures to this Royal Address, my thanks and earnest acknowledgements for the approbation they have expressed of my Administration of the Government of this Province.

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They do me justice in believing that the object of my anxious wishes has been to promote the public welfare and prosperity ; to conciliate differences, and restore unanimity disturbed by a few Factious men, easily found in all countries.

I have had great satisfaction in seeing by the language of this Address, as well as of many others recently received, that the conduct of these Factious leaders is generally condemned and reprobated by every Loyal and respectable man in Canada. I must further request you to assure the County of Warwick, that I shall spare no exertions and influence in my power, to impress upon His Majesty's Ministers the call made by these Addresses for effectual and immediate measures to remedy the existing evils.

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PROVINCE OF LOWER-CANADA, }
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL : }

THOMAS PORTEOUS, of the City of Montreal, Esqr. one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said District of Montreal, being duly sworn, deposes and saith— That on or about the twentieth day of December last, as he was turning out of Notre Dame Street into St. Gabriel Street, in the said City, he saw a great number of the little Girls from the School kept by the Nuns of the Congregation, entering the house of Doctor Robert Nelson, P. P. in St. Gabriel Street, in the same order in which they are conducted by the Nuns to and from church. How many had entered the House before the Deponent saw them, he cannot say, but the column then extended across St. Gabriel Street into St. Jacques Street. The little Girls were all eagerly pressing forward, and as nearly as the Deponent could judge, they were from eight to twelve years of age. The Deponent pointed out this procession to Mr. Henry Mackenzie, who was then standing on the steps of Henry Griffin's house, next door to Dr. Nelson's. The Deponent's first impression was that they were going to see some surgical operation performed, but upon further reflection, and knowing that the supporters of Mr. Papineau and his faction, did not hesitate to adopt any means, however improper, to attain their object, the Deponent suspected that these children had been taken to the Doctor's House for the purpose of signing the Petitions to the King, Lords and Commons of Great-Britain, got up by the Committee appointed at the meeting of Mr. Papineau's party in Quesnel's store on the 18th December last. The Deponent having in consequence made inquiry, he is enabled from undoubted authority to say, that he verily and firmly believes that the said little Girls were conducted into Dr. N's house for the express purpose of signing the said Petitions, and that they did actually sign them, as if the Deponent had seen them write their names, and he has further been credibly informed that they were instructed not to sign their christian names in full but only the initial letters thereof, in order that their sex might not thereby be known. Dr. Nelson himself, the Deponent was also informed was not at home during this transaction.

And the said Deponent further saith that on the 17th day of January inst. happening to be in a store at St. Therese, in the county of Effingham in this District, he overheard four french Canadian boys (the eldest of whom afterwards

told the Deponent that he was under twelve years of age) boasting that they had signed a Petition to the King, alluding to the before mentioned Petitions to the King, Lords and Commons, which were then circulating at St. Thérèse for signature. Upon asking the oldest Boy if he could write, he answered "Non Monsieur, mais j'ai fait ma croix, et tous les enfans de l'Ecole ont signé aussi—Il y'en avoit une trentaine." The Deponent then enquired if he knew what he had signed—"Eh bien! monsieur," replied he "je n'en sais rien, mais j'ai signé sur trois feuilles." The other boys fully corroborated this statement—and further the Deponent saith not.

(Signed) T. PORTEOUS.

Sworn before me, at Montreal, }
 this 21st day of Jany. 1828. }
 (Signed) S. GALE, J. P.

DISTRICT OF }
 MONTREAL. }

RICHARD SALTER, of the City of Montreal, Gentleman, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith—That on or about the Twentieth day of December last, his Son David Salter aged twelve years, a Scholar at Mr. Scanlan's School, in the St. Lawrence Suburb of this City, came home from the said School, highly elated and told him the Deponent that he had signed a Petition which was to be read by the King—Upon inquiry, the Deponent found that his son and a number of other Boys, pupils of Mr. Scanlan, had been enticed by Master Cuvillier, son of Austin Cuvillier, Esqr., Member of the Provincial Parliament, to go with him to the shop of Messrs. Edward R. Fabre & Co., Booksellers, in Notre Dame Street, and there sign the Petitions to the King, Lords and Commons of Great Britain, got up by the Committee appointed at the public meeting anonymously called and held at Mr. Quenel's Store on the 18th December last. The Deponent very much displeased with his son for having done so, went with him to Messrs. Fabre and asked for the Petition for the purpose of striking out his son's name, when he was told by a man in attendance in the Shop, that he perfectly remembered having seen the Deponent's son sign the Petitions, but that he could not shew them to the Deponent as they had been sent to Mr. Souigny's and further the Deponent saith not

(Signed) R. SALTER.

Sworn before me at Montreal, the }
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 (Signed) T. PORTEOUS, J. P.

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DISTRICT OF }
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DAVID SALTER, aged twelve years, son of Richard Salter, of the City of Montreal, Gentleman, being duly sworn deposes and saith—That on or about the twentieth day of December last, he with about twenty of his fellow Scholars from Mr. Scanlan's School, were enticed by Master Cuvillier to go with him to the shop of Messrs. Fabre & Co. in Notre Dame Street, Booksellers, for the purpose of signing a petition which Master Cuvillier told them was to be read by the King. At Messrs. Fabre's shop they were shewn three sheets upon each of which the Deponent and a number of other Boys signed their names without having any knowledge whatever of what they were signing or to what purpose their signatures were to be applied than that of being read by the King and further Deponent saith not.

(Signed)

D. SALTER.

Sworn before me at Montreal, this }
11th day of January, 1828, after the }
Deponent had been duly examined as }
to the nature of an oath.

(Signed) T. PORTEOUS, J. P.

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, }
PROVINCE OF LOWER-CANADA. }

of the City of Montreal,
Esquire, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said District, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that on or about the Twentieth day of December last, as Deponent was standing in conversation with
in St. Gabriel Street, in front of the house of Henry Griffin, Esquire, he observed a great number of Female Children coming in regular order from St. Jacques Street, in the said City of Montreal, to the adjoining house, occupied by Dr. Robert Nelson, M. P. P. in said St. Gabriel Street, and that after a few minutes halt at the door, they rushed into the house in number about one hundred and from the age of eight to twelve years—That Deponent soon afterwards ascertained that the said young Girls were the Scholars belonging to the School, kept in the said City by the Nuns of the Congregation, and who were sent to the said house to sign the Petitions to the King, Lords and Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which Petitions were recently got up by Mr. Papineau the late Speaker and his friends in the House of Assembly in this Province, in opposition to the measures of His Majesty's Government—and the Deponent fur-

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ther saith that he also ascertained that the said Females did actually add their names to the said Petitions by writing the Initials only of their christian names, and their surnames in full length.

(Signed)

Sworn at Montreal this
19th day January, 1828,
before me

(Signed) W. ROBERTSON, J. P.

Extract of a Letter from a respectable Schoolmaster in a Country Parish to a Gentleman in Quebec,

“ 15th JANUARY, 1828.

“ Je ne dois pas vous en dire plus—vous connoissez mieux que moi ce que le public fait souffrir a notre Gouverneur, prions pour lui ;
“ il est facheux que ——— n'a pas prévu, il y a un mois
“ a commissioner Monsr. ——— a faire signer les habitans de notre Paroisse, sur une requête qu'il lui a envoyé ces jours ci, pour
“ le soutien du Gouvernement ; car nos Democratés ont commencé
“ il y a quinze jours a parcourir les Paroisses de ——— et ont
“ fait signer au moins les trois quarts des habitans, leur faisant entendre que s'ils ne signent pas sur leur requête qu'ils seront chargés à payer des forts taxes, et même viendra un jour qu'ils seront chassés de leurs terres ; ils ont même fait signer des enfans
“ qui n'ont que 12 à 13 ans.

MONSIEUR,

“ Je vous prie d'excuser la liberté que je prends a vous écrire ; mais aussi croyez je vous prie, que je suis et veux être tout ma vie fidèle a mon Roi, et obéissant à ses Ministres.”

Comme je veux être,

MONSIEUR, &c. &c. &c.

From the Old Montreal Gazette.

To the Honorable P.D. DEBARTZCH, President of the Meeting for the COUNTY OF RICHELIEU.

SIR,—Not thinking that we ought to disapprove of the public conduct of His Excellency the Governor in Chief of this Province, and not having attended at any of the meetings which have taken place within the County, with relation to that subject ; we publicly declare that our nomination as members of your Committee, does not meet our approbation. The necessity of having recourse to a number of absent persons to form your Committee, leads you into

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several contradictions, and would render the statements of the number which you pretend were present at your meeting, unworthy of belief.

We have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your very humble Servants,

J. F. TETU,

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H. LEMOINE DE MARTIGNY,

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St. Hyacinthe, 4th January, 1828.

By a late MONTREAL HERALD, we also notice that VENANT ROU dit LAPENSE', Esq. of Lachine, declines the honour of his nomination by the Montreal meeting. Our letters from SOREL, state that Captain RENEAU, of that place, refused to publish at the Church door the late meeting of St. DENIS, from a firm conviction that the Canadians are much imposed upon, their feelings and passions acted on by false pretences, and groundless fears excited.

FROM THE QUEBEC MERCURY.

COMMUNICATED.—We the Subscribers do hereby declare, that Mr. Louis Guay, Notary Public of St. Antoine, a few days ago prevailed upon us to sign an Address in opposition to the measures of the present Government, by representing to us that His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief wished to lay numerous taxes upon us, that he was endeavouring to obtain the sole controul of the public money, in order to increase the salaries of his favorites, and that he withheld all encouragement for improvement of our Roads and Bridges, and the Country in general.

Being now satisfied that the above are gross misrepresentations, we desire that our signatures may be erased from the Address.

GEORGE STOKAN,
JOHN NORTHUP,
JOSEPH MULLIKEN,
JOHN READ,
JAMES RAMSAY.

St. Giles, 7th January, 1828.

To the Editor of the Quebec Mercury.

SIR,

A few days ago one M^r Ivoy of Champlain Street, came to the house at Près-de-Ville, where we were working at our bu-

giness of Joiner, and asked us to sign some parchments he had in his hand, which he said were Petitions for the good of the Country—we had previously heard that there was an Address to the Governor, in progress, and thinking this to be the same we signed it—understanding since however that it is one of a very different nature, and we certainly should not have signed, had we been aware of its real purport, we take this manner of disavowing our intention of being identified with those complaining through that address of the Government of the Province, and requesting Mr. M'Ivoy to efface our names from the Parchment which at his request, and from an erroneous impression we were induced to sign.

JOHN M. BEAN,
ISAAC ROBINSON.

Quebec, 19th Jany. 1828.

To the Editor of the Quebec Mercury.

SIR,

One M'Ivoy of Champlain Street, in company with one Reiley, and some others whom I do not know, called at my house last evening, requesting me to sign an address to the Governor, adding that it was for the good of the country. He had a scroll of parchment in his hand, to which I signed my name. I have since been informed that the Address I so signed was not to the Governor, but abusive of the Government, in consequence of which it is my wish to withdraw my name from the list of Petitioners against it. I have no reasonable cause for placing myself amongst the complainants against the Government. On the contrary, as an Englishman, depending entirely on my trade and exertions for a livelihood, and in no wise dependent on the Government if my opinion is to go for any thing, it would decidedly be in favor of the Government of the Province.

ROBERT BRINDLE, Black-Smith,
Champlain Street.

Quebec, 10th January, 1828.

Michel Lasanté and Alexandre Lasanté, having been induced by surreptitious means to sign the petition to the King, in Mr. Clouet's shop, now declare that they did not then know what they signed, and beg to recall their signatures, having made application to have their names erased from the roll which was refused them.

(Signed)

MICHEL LASANTE.'
ALEXANDRE LASANTE.'

To His Excellency the Right Honorable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-Canada, Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Upper-Canada and Lower Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Cape Breton, and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the faithful servants and devoted subjects of His Majesty, the Magistrates, Gentlemen, principal persons and other inhabitants of the Parish of Nicolet, having fully considered the late measures of our Legislature, and observing with a sentiment of sincere regret, the erroneous pretensions which the popular Branch thereof has arrogated to itself, and the distressing predicament in which its errors has placed us, and contrasted them with the moderation, and noble conduct of Your Excellency under such critical circumstances, consider ourselves imperiously held in duty, to manifest our sentiments as peaceful and well-disposed subjects of His Majesty, having at heart the general happiness of our country and attached by the strictest ties to our Government and our Constitution, tender to your Excellency the humble, but sincere, tribute of our gratitude, and offer our lively acknowledgements of your honorable firmness in supporting the prerogative of the Crown, thereby preserving entire our precious Constitution, which we hold to be the true means of assuring to us and our posterity the enjoyment, as British subjects, without alteration of the blessings of our just rights and liber-

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ties, and of the inestimable privileges flowing from them. For all these benefits we consider ourselves bound, in all humility, to offer to the Divine Dispensator of events the tribute of our praises and thanks, joining with them our fervent prayers that He may be graciously pleased to guide the councils of His Majesty and of the Imperial Parliament of Great-Britain, that they may finally decide according to the dictates of wisdom and impartial justice the questions in dispute, and we further pray that Your Excellency may enjoy health and length of days to behold the full and perfect accomplishment of the objects of your paternal solicitude, and to enjoy the pleasing satisfaction of having been the means of preserving to all the faithful and devoted Canadian subjects of His Majesty, the blessings of peace and harmony.

[Signed by 327 persons.]

Nicolet, 14th January, 1828.

ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

The sentiments expressed in this address from the Magistrates and inhabitants of the Parish of Nicolet, are so widely different from those which are now circulated as the sentiments of the Canadian population in general, that I might have felt some surprize in the perusal of them, did I not know that they came to me from a seat of learning, where education is spreading all its happy influence, and where the agents of a factious party have not dared, or have failed, to introduce the gross misrepresentations against government, by which the Canadian peasantry have been deceived and misled in other parts of the Province.

I know how to appreciate the feelings of society residing near Nicolet; it affords me, therefore, peculiar pleasure to receive this address from those who by their personal character and conduct have not only shewn the example, but have spared no exertion in spreading wide around them the principles of good subjects and unquestionable loyalty.

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When I thank you, Gentlemen, for the expression of such sentiments in regard to the administration of the government which His Majesty has entrusted to me, I hope the people generally will take a lesson from your example: principles of wise, prudent and peaceable subjects of His Majesty the King, cannot be derived from a better source than from Nicolet.

(Signed)

DALHOUSIE.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable GEORGE, EARL of DALHOUSIE, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-Canada, Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Upper-Canada and Lower-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick and their several dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the subscribers, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, Merchants, Freeholders and Inhabitants, residing in the Townships of Shipton, Melbourn, Kingsey, Durham, and surrounding settlements, most respectfully beg leave to address Your Excellency on the late Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament. The liberty we take in this respect arises from the conviction of the necessity that exists of having every loyal subject and community, disavow the late very extraordinary proceedings of the present

House of Assembly, on their meeting for the despatch of Public Business, lest it might be imagined that the loyal Inhabitants of the Province should be identified with those who now compose the majority of that body. We are fully sensible whose representatives they are, their constituents being composed of persons generally illiterate, and who cannot, or do not, appreciate the blessings of the liberal Constitution conferred on them, and though naturally inclined to be good and loyal subjects, are liable to be influenced and led by the more knowing and designing, who in order to elevate themselves to the summit of popular approbation, imagine it cannot be more effectually done than by opposing and misrepresenting every subject that may be advocated by the loyal and truly patriotic friends of order, and of the good and Paternal Government under which we live. Their opposing every measure that would tend to *Anglify* the present foreign features of the country, which though living under the protection, light and influence of the British Government, yet, presents the anomaly of resting under feudal laws and customs, long since expunged from the statute books of the enlightened nations of Europe. The fear of losing these illiberal laws and customs, and of the introduction of English liberality and laws, by which light and information would be generally diffused, has we are satisfied, been a great cause of the opposition invariably evinced by the leaders in the Assembly of this Province; knowing that by the introduction of such enlightened principles, their present influence would be totally lost among their present innocent but deluded supporters. It is to the existence of these laws, customs and opposition we humbly imagine that the backward and comparative infant state of this Province is to be attributed, compared with the surrounding Provinces and States, who though more recent in settlement, yet present a far more advanced state of civilization and improvement, although this Province is inferior to none in its inviting situation and resources. From the experience Your Excellency has had of the House of Assembly as it is at present composed, it not representing the English portion of the population, in consequence of the present division of Counties and Representatives, particularly when the means made use of by the popular leaders at the late Election are taken into consideration, the only resource we

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look to with confidence for an alteration and improvement of the present system is to the protection and interference of the Imperial Government to save us and our posterity from laws and institutions foreign to our own, and from the Government of a party who use every means to retard our improvement, unless it be connected with their own narrow political views or expectations.

Viewing the extraordinary conduct of the House of Assembly on their late meeting, in persisting to elect a person to the Honorable situation of Speaker, to say the least of whom, has been evidently the leader of a party in opposition to Your Excellency's person and Government, evidently demonstrates the want of impartiality in the representative body, and shews their intention of still persisting in that opposition that has heretofore been so fatal to the interests of this Province. We beg leave therefore to express to Your Excellency's our most grateful acknowledgments of pleasure at the steady and unruffled manner in which Your Excellency has maintained the just balance and power and privilege; believing as we do, that the supporting the prerogatives of the Crown constitutionally—the preserving His Majesty's loyal subjects from the overhearing influence of any particular body, and maintaining the proper balance of Legislative authority, are inseparably connected with the best interests, improvement and welfare of the state. During the continuance of these proceedings, our hearts were deeply impressed with most lively sensations of anxiety on Your Excellency's account, feeling the keenest mortification that any attempt should be made to embarrass the proceedings of a personage, who for seven years had administered the Government of the Province with such invariable virtue, wisdom and justice. However, it was a matter of some consolation to reflect in the history of nations, that the most worthy, had been at times subject to the severest attacks from those very individuals towards whom they were using all their exertions for their good, and thereby had an opportunity of proving that "virtue is its own best reward." If any thing in the history of events could have *increased* the already unlimited confidence which Your Excellency had established in our hearts, and in our minds, it was the firm, upright, and dignified course which Your Excellency adopt-

ed in the recent popular storm in one branch of the Legislature ; and we should do violence to our own feelings were we to suppress the sense of gratitude we owe on this occasion, sensible of the vital consequence to our happiness, as members of society, to prevent innovation in our excellent constitution by suffering one Branch of the Legislature to encroach on the rights and privileges of the other.

We beg leave to assure Your Excellency, that it is our firm determination to support His Majesty's Government in the person of his representative with our most zealous and persevering exertions ; and also to express to Your Excellency our most humble and sincere thanks for the deep and invariable interest Your Excellency has at all times evinced in advancing the welfare of this part of the Province.

[Signed by 144 persons.]

Village of Richmond and Township of Shipton, 15th
December 1827.

ANSWER.

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,

QUEBEC, 30th January 1828.

SIR,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of the Address from the Merchants, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townships of Shipton, Melbourn, Kingsey, Durham and the surrounding settlements, to His Excellency, which accompanied your letter of the 25th instant, and I am to convey to you, and through you to those who have signed this Address with you, His Excellency's thanks for the expression of sentiments so worthy of loyal and dutiful subjects of the Crown contained in it, which His Excellency will not fail to transmit to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

LS. MONTIZAMBERT,

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To His Excellency the Right Honorable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-Canada, Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Upper-Canada and Lower-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Subscribers, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the District of St. Francis, in Lower-Canada, most respectfully approach Your Excellency upon the occasion of the late Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament.

We beg leave to express our most grateful and heartfelt thanks for the manly, consistent and constitutional course which your Lordship has pursued in the exercise of the undoubted right and Prerogative of the Crown, by refusing to receive, in the high and honorable office of Speaker of the Assembly, an individual whose intemperate abuse and vituperation of Your Excellency's Person and Government have announced him as the leader of a party irreconcilably opposed to Your Lordship's Administration.

The avowed hostility, and the public expression of this individual's sentiments, manifestly unfitted him to become the organ of decorous and harmonious intercourse between the coordinate branches of the Legislature; and the dignity of the

Crown, and the outraged feelings of the loyal and well disposed, demanded and justify Your Excellency's refusal to confirm the election of the Assembly.

Your Excellency's energetic decision has most providentially furnished the occasion for the display and detection of the real principles, which influence the factious in their resistance to Your Excellency's Government: In their violence they have betrayed the enormity of their unconstitutional pretensions, and in their resolutions they have exposed the character and tendency of the revolutionary propensities by which they are animated.

Experience of the past forbids the hope of better feeling in the majority of the Assembly, until the composition of that body shall be improved by the infusion of English principles; and that desirable change will be produced whenever the British population of the Colony is fairly represented in the Assembly. We ardently hope that the Imperial Government will interpose its authority to impart the right of representation to the English Inhabitants of the Townships, but until that just and necessary measure be taken, His Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province, must endure the mortification of seeing the popular Branch of the Legislature made the tool of the unhallowed ambition of designing demagogues, who under the mask of loyalty cherish the deepest hatred of the English name, and the most active animosity to His Majesty's Government.

We doubt not that Your Excellency's firmness will receive the support of His Majesty's Ministers, and we embrace this opportunity of expressing our conviction that Your Excellency, unmoved by clamour and undismayed by violence, will pursue the upright, honorable, and undeviating course which has hitherto distinguished Your Excellency's conduct as the Representative of our most gracious and beloved Sovereign.

[Signed by 214 persons.]

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CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,

Quebec, 18th Feby. 1828.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief to acknowledge the receipt of the Address of the Inhabitants of the District of St. Francis, transmitted in your letter of the 7th Inst., and I am to convey to you His Excellency's assurance that the sentiments they have expressed in this Address are in the highest degree gratifying to His Excellency personally, and as it concerns the future hopes and prospects of the population of the Townships in that part of the Province, with regard to the representation, His Excellency will have great pleasure in transmitting it to His Majesty's Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. servt

(Signed,)

A. W. COCHRAN.

W. HENRY, Esquire,

Sherbrooke.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-Canada and Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, General and Commander-in-Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in the Provinces of Lower-Canada and Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, and their several dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Inhabitants of the Townships of Lochaber and Buckingham, in Lower-Canada, beg leave most respectfully to approach Your Excellency with sentiments of high respect for your exalted rank, of esteem for your character, and of unmingled approbation of your Government.

While with gratitude and admiration we view Your Excellency's exertions and solicitude to promote the improvement of this Province and the happiness of the people, it is with deep regret, mingled with indignation, we contemplate the systematic and continued opposition made to all your measures for effecting that end, by a faction who at once arrogate to themselves the power of Legislation and the Rights of the Crown. By their machinations we find ourselves hitherto deprived of the establishment of Registry Offices, so necessary to the security of property: of an improved division of the Province into Districts and Counties, of an equitable share in the Representative Branch of Government, and of an equal administration of Justice and a general system of Education.

We deprecate the attempts of these Individuals, under the specious mark of Patriotism, to excite discontent and distrust of the justice of His Majesty's Government among a portion of the Canadians,—a people, quiet, loyal and moral, and who have already proved their loyalty to the British Government on the field of battle; and we sincerely hope that an effectual check will be put to their false representations, and that their evil designs will soon recoil upon themselves with merited disgrace.

We applaud Your Excellency for the firmness with which you have opposed their ambitious schemes, and we decidedly approve of all the measures which you have adopted to effect that purpose; Your Excellency has thus proved yourself worthy of your country and merited the everlasting gratitude of every loyal British subject in this Province.

We beg leave to assure Your Excellency that we shall always be ready, heart and hand, to co-operate with you in maintaining the Rights of the Crown, upholding the glory of the British nation, and preserving inviolate the principles of our excellent constitution, and we pray God that Your Excellency may long be continued among us to accomplish these purposes.

Lochaber, 11th Feby. 1828.

[Signed by 152 persons.]

ANSWER.

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,
Quebec, 18th Feby. 1828.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief to acknowledge the receipt of the Address of the Inhabitants of the Townships of Lochaber and Buckingham, which accompanied your letter of the 11th Inst.

His Excellency requests that you will assure the Inhabitants of those Townships, that he feels himself highly gratified by their Address, which expresses sentiments towards His

Majesty's Government that afford great satisfaction to His Excellency personally, and furnish an additional proof, if any were wanting, that even in those distant parts of the Province which are most recently settled, the people do justice to those to whom the Government of the Province has been entrusted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

(Signed,)

A. W. COCHRAN.

W. M'LEAN, Esquire,
Lochaber.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-Canada, Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Upper-Canada and Lower-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick and their several dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward. Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, His Majesty's faithful subjects, Inhabitants of the Township of Compton, beg leave very respectfully to approach Your Excellency, to express to you our regret, that not only such a want of respect for Your Lordship, but such a total want of regard for the undoubted authority of His Majesty's

Representative, and the true interests of this Province, has been shewn by a party acting under the influence of a few factious men; and to declare our unqualified approbation of the firm and temperate measures which Your Excellency has pursued, in resisting the attempts which have been made to encroach on the rights of the Crown,—rights the support of which we consider to be most essential to the well being of the Community of which we form a humble part.

Residing in a remote part of the Province, and virtually unrepresented in the Provincial Parliament, we have been forced to remain almost silent spectators of what has been passing in public affairs, till a faction has by its violent proceedings and most unjustifiable conduct, developed its views and principles step by step, and till a continued silence on our part might be construed into a participation with them.

That the Inhabitants of these Townships have grievances to complain of, and may reasonably hope for redress is undeniable:—They have already been brought under the notice of the Assembly of this Province as well as the other Branches of the Legislature. To recapitulate them would be foreign to the subject of this Address, nor have we any other motive in noticing them at present, than to assure Your Excellency that we attribute the withholding of our just and lawful rights to no other cause than the selfish view and narrow minded policy of a few persons who lead the majority of the Lower House, and it is with much regret that we find ourselves compelled to observe that from past experience we cannot look forward with any reasonable degree of hope for a more favorable state of things, until His Majesty's Government shall adopt effectual measures for remedying the existing evil.

Till such measures shall be adopted, and whenever our support may be necessary in common with His Majesty's loyal subjects in this Province, to carry them into effect, we beg to assure Your Excellency, that all we have in our power to afford may be relied upon in every exigency.

We cannot conclude this sincere expression of our feelings on the present occasion, without also expressing our firm conviction that Your Excellency has always acted from the purest motives, and with a most sincere desire to promote the prosp-

city of the Province, and the welfare of all classes of people committed to your charge, as the Representative of our most gracious Sovereign.

Compton, 1st January 1828.

[Signed by 96 persons.]

ANSWER.

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,

Quebec, 8th Feby. 1828.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief, to request that you will convey his thanks to the Inhabitants of the Townships of Compton, for the expression of their sentiments contained in their address which you lately forwarded, and that you will assure them that His Excellency is much gratified in finding that these loyal and constitutional feelings are so general and so decided in that part of the Province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

(Signed,)

A. W. COCHRAN.

A. D. BOSTWICK, Esquire.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-Canada, Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, General and Commander of all His

Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Upper-Canada and Lower-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick and their several dependencies, and in the Island of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the undersigned Inhabitants of the Townships of Leeds, Ireland, Inverness and Seigniorship of St. Giles, in the County of Buckingham and Province of Lower-Canada, beg leave most respectfully to approach Your Excellency, with the assurance of our most dutiful attachment to the paternal Government of our most Gracious Sovereign, and to offer the humble testimony of our esteem for the public and private character of Your Excellency, who has so long and ably presided over this part of His Majesty's Dominions.

We have beheld with gratitude, the just measures of Your Excellency in the Administration of the Government of this Province, and the constant endeavours of Your Excellency to impress on the Legislature the necessity of enactments for the better security of property by the establishment of Offices of Registry of Titles, for the more fair and equal representation of the people by the subdivision of Counties, for the advancement of learning and for improving the communications and resources of the country.

While we anticipated the happy issue of these and other measures suggested by the wisdom of Your Excellency, we have seen with the deepest regret the conduct of the late House of Assembly, in endeavouring to subvert the blessings of our Constitution, by so repeatedly frustrating the liberal views of Your Excellency, for the improvement of the Institutions and good Government of the Province, and by assuming rights not vested in them, attempting to set aside the authority of our beloved and most Gracious Sovereign and the Imperial Parliament, over this portion of the British Empire.

We regret this the more, as we feel assured had the benevolent wishes of Your Excellency been followed, and the right of representation extended unfettered to the Townships of the Province, a series of happy results would have been the consequence.

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Deeply as we deplore these attempts of the late Assembly, we have to felicitate ourselves and the country, on the energy and wisdom Your Excellency has shewn in supporting the just Prerogative of the Crown, by recently rejecting, as Speaker of the present House of Assembly, a person whose public conduct rendered him unfit for that high office, and we pledge our lives and properties to defend those rights, Your Excellency has so ably and constitutionally supported.

That Your Excellency may be long continued to preside over us, to avert those evils which the disappointed and misguided wish to produce, and to promote the best interests and happiness of this extensive country, so much indebted to the persevering efforts of Your Excellency, is the ardent prayer of Your Excellency's most grateful and obliged servants.

Township of Leeds, January 8th 1828.

[Signed by 230 Persons.]

ANSWER.

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,
QUEBEC, 27th Feby. 1828.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of the Address of the Inhabitants of the Townships of Leeds, Inverness and Ireland, and of the Seigniorship of St. Giles, which accompanied your letter of 4th instant, and I am to request that you will assure them, that His Excellency feels much gratified by their approbation of the conduct of Government during the period of his administration, and that he will not relax in his anxious endeavours to remove differences of opinion, and to promote the important interests of the Townships in Lower-Canada.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

(Signed) A. W. COCHRAN.

H. M. BLAICKLOCK, Esqr.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the undersigned, inhabitants of the County of Glengary, Upper Canada, approach your Excellency with the sentiments of respect due to your exalted station, the virtues that adorn your private character, and the general principles of your public administration and conduct.

We have lately observed, with much regret, the violent measures of a party in the sister Province; and without pretending to give any judgement on the political questions at issue, or wishing to obtrude ourselves on arrangements beyond our legitimate sphere, we cannot but regard it our duty, as peaceable subjects, to reprobate the proceedings to which we have now alluded—as discreditable to the actors if not to their cause, undutiful towards our Gracious Sovereign and his Representative, and hostile to the best interests and improvement of these Colonies.

We fully believe, at the same time, that our population of French origin in general, as well as the rest of our fellow subjects in these lands, are most devoted in their loyalty and attachment to the British Government; that the same spirit which they formerly, and with so much honor, dis-

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played in defence of their country and on the field of battle, is far from being on the wane among the sons of Canada ; and that the partial appearances of an opposite description, which have recently occurred, are to be traced to the sinister influence of a few individuals and their interested partisans, who have artfully laboured, under the specious mask of patriotism and loud professions of public zeal, to advance their own schemes of ambition and selfish policy ; and have thus imposed on the unsuspecting confidence of a quiet people, and excited their distrust of the measures of the administration by imaginary evils and alarms.

We acknowledge, did we see the rights of the subject invaded, that we would be among the foremost, but without forgetting our due homage and allegiance, to present our respectful memorial for redress at the foot of the Throne : But where, instead of suffering from the encroachments of power, we behold our beloved Monarch himself in the character of the Friend and the Father of his people, viewing their prosperity and happiness as the true greatness of his empire and lustre of his Crown, and commanding by his mild reign yet magnanimous conduct, the admiration and the applause even of foreign, and far-distant nations ; when we consider our privileges and moderate public burdens, the fostering care of our Government and the Mother Country, and the noble improvements, from their own resources, which they are now carrying on in these Provinces ; —we must indeed have been unworthy of these blessings, and traitors to the character of subjects which we bear, did we not deem ourselves bound, by the most sacred calls of duty and of gratitude, to love our King, to honor his name and Representative, and to cherish, in the best feelings of the heart, our connexion with Britain, long the most favoured of Kingdoms, ever hallowed to us by the reposing ashes of our kindred and forefathers, and at this day the glory of the whole earth.

We finally offer to your Excellency, the unanimous expressions of our duty, and our most cordial testimony to the noble integrity of your conduct, in your office of Royal

Representative as Governor in Chief of the British possessions in North America: we sincerely regard the appointment among the benefactions of our Sovereign; we trust that you will long preside over us, and are confident it will be with the same unwearied zeal for the public good, and the same unsullied honor, as in the period that is past; and permit us, under these impressions to state our unhesitating assurance, that, by continuance in the like discharge of the high functions of your authority, by the recollections of what is due to the Royal Personage represented, and to the just claims and welfare of the people ruled,—your Excellency will obtain, not only from us, but also from every man in these Provinces, that feels with the heart, or that cherishes the loyalty of a Briton, the willing tribute of affection and esteem: that your name among a people true to their country and to their King, will be held in grateful remembrance in Canada; and that your retirement will be followed with our best wishes and our prayers, for your happiness and noblest honors in your native land. [Signed by 1200.]

Glengary, 10th December, 1827.

To this His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,

22d December, 1827.

SIR,

This Address, which you present to me, from the Inhabitants of the County of Glengary, in Upper Canada, speaks powerfully the loyal sentiments of Highlanders alive, in an equal degree, to the interests of their adopted country, and to the honor and support of the Crown.

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I am highly gratified by their expression of their approbation of my own conduct, and request you to assure them that entertaining with them the same opinion of the unquestionable loyalty of the Canadian population, I view the recent events as nothing more than the violence of a few individuals, who have so far succeeded in misleading a well disposed people. I feel confident, that the good sense of that same people will ultimately see and correct this error.

(Signed)

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To the Revd. ARCHIBALD CONNELL, }
 Martin Town, Upper Canada. }

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To His Excellency the Right Honorable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in the same, and in the Island of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The dreary Forests which impede our free, frequent and necessary intercourse with the capital of this Province, are the only cause why our humble, though sincere tribute of praise, has not long before this time reached your Excellency.

The extent of the Coasts of the District of Gaspé, the impossibility of travelling at this season with faciity and dispatch, for want of sufficient roads and bridges: the schooners being now on the eve of sailing for Quebec; and our ardent desire that this should reach your Excellency without further delay, prevent this modest instrument from travelling, to receive thousands of willing signatures.

So persuaded and convinced are we, of your Excellency's benign and paternal disposition towards our District, that we must fail in the attempt, were we to endeavour to express the numerous causes for our unfeigned gratitude towards your Excellency.

Since your Excellency has been invested with the high trust, and has exercised the great and weighty duties of Governor in Chief of the British North American Colonies, your Excellency has not ceased to devise all possible means for the improvement, increase and benefit of the District of Gaspé.

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We sincerely grieve that your Excellency has been in any measure thwarted in your good and wise designs and intentions towards this District ; and earnestly hope, we shall be the happy, the loyal people, who will long have your Excellency for their Governor in Chief; the worthy and able Representative of their Gracious Sovereign : and that your Excellency will ultimately succeed in effecting, what will make the District of Gaspé, all that bountiful nature has designed it to be. Then shall it be enabled to impart its own weight, and rightful consequence in Provincial concerns : and will for ever cherish, esteem and extol the memory and name of the noble source of its happiness !

We have the honor to be,

May it please your Excellency,

Your Excellency's

Most faithful and devoted Servants.

Paspebiac, New Carlisle, }
 and vicinity, &c. &c. }
 April 15th, 1828. }

(287 Signatures.)

ANSWER.

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,
 QUEBEC, 23d. May, 1828.

SIR,—The Address which you have conveyed to me from the Magistrates and Inhabitants in Paspebiac, New Carlisle and vicinity, has afforded me great satisfaction.

I request you will do me the favour on your return there to assure them, that I feel a just pride in such testimonies of approbation, dictated by men uninfluenced by the false statements so industriously circulated in other parts of Lower Canada.

Assure them further, that I am still most anxious to draw the attention of His Majesty's Government towards the District of Gaspé and Bay Chaleurs, where the industrious character of the people offers the best return that can be derived from the protection and encouragement which Government shall afford to that country.

I have the honor, Sir, to be,

Your's faithfully,

(Signed) DALHOUSIE.

To Mr. Justice THOMPSON, Judge
in the Inferior District of Gaspé.

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