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*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE,  
Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable  
Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Go-  
vernor of the Province of Upper Canada,  
Major General Commanding His Majesty's  
Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

WE, the MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Toronto, learning that it is the pleasure of our most GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN to relieve Your Excellency from the Administration of the Government of this Province, beg leave to assure your Excellency of our regret at your departure, and of the gratitude which we feel, in common with others His Majesty's Subjects, who have understood and duly appreciated your Excellency's labors, for the promotion of the welfare of this Colony, and the happiness of its People.

The benefits bestowed on the Province, through the exertions of your Excellency in promoting the Education of youth, will ever make your Excellency's name venerated in the Colony; we have no doubt that what your Excellency has so well begun will prove a lasting good to the Province, and secure many happy reflections in your Excellency's mind, when you are no longer amongst us.

The encouragement of Emigration from the British Isles into this Province, we are aware, has been an object of your Excellency's anxious solicitude; your

Excellency, during your stay in Upper Canada, has seen its prosperity mainly arise from this source.— Your Excellency has observed this City, in the course of a few years, by means of extensive Emigration, grow from a small village into a town of comparative importance ; and your Excellency must perceive with pain the depressing effects brought about by the diminishing of this great source of the improving and prosperous condition of this community. It must be pleasing, however, to reflect, that this depression has arisen from circumstances beyond your control ; and we feel deeply indebted to your Excellency for the energetic use of all the means in your power, for the promotion of an object in which the future prosperity of this City is so much involved.

The kind and polite attention shown by your Excellency to the representations of this Body, on the affairs of the City, and the deep interest which your Excellency has always shown for its welfare, we are bound at this period to remember with gratitude.

With our best wishes that your Excellency's life, which has been hitherto spent so usefully and honorably, may continue long, with honor and happiness to yourself and benefit to our common country ; and that your most amiable and honored Lady, and family, may be blessed with all happiness and prosperity.— We humbly bid your Excellency farewell.

(Signed)

R. B. SULLIVAN,  
MAYOR.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Reply :

MR. MAYOR, and GENTLEMEN of the CORPORATION,

I beg you to accept my warmest thanks for this kind Address. I receive it with great satisfaction.— Be assured that I shall ever retain a lively interest in your prosperity, and in that of the Province generally.

I sincerely thank you for the expressions of your good wishes for Lady Colborne, and my family ; and I am confident they will always participate in the deep interest I shall feel in hearing of your happiness and welfare.



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the undersigned, Inhabitants of the City of Toronto, and its vicinity, beg most respectfully to express to your Excellency our sense of the many benefits and advantages we have experienced under your Excellency's Administration.

The excellent example which has been set to all classes by your strict, though unostentatious attention to religious duties, as well as the many extensive and well conducted charities which have received your patronage and support, together with that of LADY COLBORNE, and family : your liberality during the

period of the Cholera, in taking upon yourself heavy personal responsibilities, are all circumstances which have created indelible impressions on our grateful recollections.

Your unwearied efforts for the benefits of this City, and the Province at large, demand our grateful acknowledgments; your having placed at the disposal of the Corporation the roads and bridges leading to the Peninsula, has been peculiarly acceptable to the City.

The establishment of that valuable institution, the College, under circumstances of great difficulty, and heavy personal responsibility, the concentration of the Public Offices, under similar difficulties, deserve the sincere thanks of the Inhabitants of the City, and of the Province.

But above all, we feel it due to your Excellency to express our gratitude for your unwearied and indefatigable attention to the business of the Province; your unceasing and successful efforts in promoting Emigration, by which alone the best interests of this Province can be secured; your anxiety for the general extension of Education, and the improvement of our public roads; and your efforts in obtaining surveys of parts of the Province before unexplored, are all proofs of your paternal solicitude for the well-being of those who are placed under your government; and will hand down your name to posterity as one of the greatest benefactors of the Province.

In conclusion, we beg most sincerely and affectionately to express our anxious hopes, that prosperity and happiness may attend yourself and LADY COLBORNE,

with your estimable family wherever you go, and to assure you that the blessings of all classes of persons in this Province will accompany you.

## REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I return my best thanks to the Inhabitants of Toronto for their kind expressions conveyed in this Address.

It is most gratifying to me to receive this proof of the feeling which you entertain towards myself and family.

It has been recently announced to me that my administration of this Government is about to cease.

Some weeks before this communication was made to me, I had transmitted to His Majesty's Government my absolute resignation of the Government.

I was not led to adopt this measure by a desire to avoid the duties attached to the office, although they have been attended with much labor and anxiety.

I hope these duties have been discharged in a manner beneficial to the Colony. I have at least neglected no efforts to that end.

I am confident Lady Colborne will ever participate in the pleasure and gratification I shall receive in hearing of the prosperity of this City and its vicinity, and of the welfare and happiness of the Province.



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Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

When your Excellency's expected retirement from the Government of this Province is the subject of such deep and general regret, we, who have been educated at Upper Canada College, but who are now engaged in preparing for our respective avocations in life, cannot but feel it to be our duty to express the sorrow we experience at your Excellency's departure.

If the generality of the inhabitants of this flourishing Province bear testimony to the numerous advantages which your Excellency's paternal administration has conferred on this Colony, and the uniform energy, diligence and perseverance, so signally displayed in all those matters contributing to the public good, with what feelings of gratitude and esteem should we offer our dutiful and sincere attachment to your Excellency for the foundation of an Institution to which we are indebted for the blessings of an education we now so highly appreciate.

Upon your Excellency's assuming the Government of this Province, your attention was happily directed to the then existing state of Education, and discovering not only that the growing wealth and commerce, but also, that the character and genius of its inhabitants, demanded acquirements superior to those which had

hitherto been attainable, and that unless opportunities were immediately afforded for the instruction of youth in the higher branches of literature and science, we should be unable creditably to fulfil the various duties to which, by our rank in society, we may reasonably aspire ; with your characteristic promptitude the foundation of Upper Canada College was determined upon, and in little more than *two years* this Institution was placed in successful operation.

In giving us the means so eminently calculated to raise the standard of classical literature in this Province, we are happy to observe, that the more generally useful, though less ornamental, branches of education were not sacrificed to those suited to a more polished and refined state of society.

Your Excellency, by presenting an annual Prize to the College, for which many of us have contended, has, we are confident, contributed much to that generous spirit of emulation which, generally, in its effects, is so highly beneficial to the pupils of a public institution.

From the character Upper Canada College has attained under your Excellency's kind and munificent patronage, it must ever remain an imperishable monument of the wisdom of your Excellency's Government.

On this interesting occasion we cannot but again express to your Excellency our unfeigned regret at your approaching departure from this Province ; and while you leave in our hearts a grateful recollection of the noble boon you have bestowed upon us, in establishing the College at which we have received

our education, rest assured that our best wishes for the happiness of yourself and amiable family accompany your Excellency.

“ Di tibi dent annos, nam de te cætera sumes.”

### REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

An address from those who are now experiencing the blessings of the extensive and liberal education, which they have received at Upper Canada College, cannot but be received by me with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction.

You are among the first who have demonstrated the essential benefits to society which are derived from the establishment of this Royal Institution. May you also ever take the lead in this Province as Christians, as Citizens, as Patriots, as members of a community, “*qui consulta patrum, qui leges juraque servant.*”

I thank you for the kind expression of your wishes for myself and family; and be assured that I shall always watch with great interest the progress and welfare of those who have been students at Upper Canada College.

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

SIR,

Understanding, with much concern, that your Excellency is about to leave this Province, We, the Commissioners of the Canada Company, deem it only our duty to tender our warmest acknowledgments on behalf of that Association, for the uniform attention which your Excellency has ever shewn to our Official Communications, and your readiness to carry into full effect all the engagements entered into by His Majesty's Government with the Canada Company.

Permit us also to express personally our sincere thanks for the facilities which your Excellency has at all times kindly and cheerfully afforded us in our necessary but numerous transactions with the Local Government, and by which our various duties, which might have been otherwise at times burthensome, have been discharged with the greatest satisfaction.

Wishing your Excellency many years of health and prosperity, we beg, on the part of the Canada Company, to subscribe ourselves,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

And very humble Serv'ts.

W. ALLAN, }  
THO'S. M. JONES, } *Commissioners.*

*Canada Company's Office,*

Toronto, 14th January, 1836.

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects—the Magistrates—Clergy—Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the Township of Brantford, in the District of Gore, beg leave humbly to approach your Excellency with expressions of sincere esteem and regard for your person, and with heartfelt regret at your approaching retirement from the Government of Upper Canada.

We cannot but feel, that during a long period of seven years, your Excellency has, with untired perseverance, devoted the utmost patience and industry to the discovery and amelioration of the wants of the Colony, and the greatest judgment in administering to the comforts and happiness of the numerous classes of society, placed under your authority—that your kind and fostering hand has held out to the Emigrant, on his arrival, every assistance, under the difficulties and deprivations he had to encounter in a new country, and your watchful eye has afforded every encouragement to him in his after pursuits, where worth and character entitled him to your regard; whilst to the natives and old settlers of the Province, who did not stand so much in need of assistance, an equal urbanity and kindness has been uniformly shown.

Placed as we ourselves are, on a tract of land surrendered by the Indians for sale, through the interfe-

rence of your Excellency, whilst we express our grateful acknowledgments for the protection which was afforded to our equitable claims for our improvements, we cannot but admire the undeviating integrity and care which guarded the interests of the Indians ; and we trust that at the same time that body will enjoy the fruits of a measure calculated to produce a considerable augmentation to their funds, and that the community at large will be benefitted by a land which might literally be styled a desert, being converted into an inexhaustible field of productiveness.

From the universal degree in which these sentiments pervade us, it will be long before the absence of your Excellency will be looked upon with any feelings but regret ; and every member of our community will forever continue to regard your loss as that of a patron and friend, whose consideration and kindness can never be effaced from his memory.

Offering to your Excellency, with these sentiments, our heartfelt wishes for your future happiness and prosperity, we most respectfully bid you farewell.

### REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg you will return my sincere thanks to the Inhabitants of the Township of Brantford, for this address, and for the kind expressions of their good wishes towards me, which it conveys, and assure them that I shall ever take a deep interest in their prosperity and happiness.

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major Gene-  
ral Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

THE humble and dutiful Address of the Freeholders  
and Inhabitants of the County of Oxford.

We, the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County  
of Oxford, have learnt, with the most unfeigned regret,  
that your Excellency has resigned the Government of,  
and is on the eve of departing from this Province.

We are desirous to convey to your Excellency the  
expression of our affection and esteem for your per-  
son, and of our admiration of the principles which  
have guided you in the administration of public affairs.  
We are firmly persuaded, (although doubtless other  
causes have concurred) that your Excellency's un-  
wearied diligence and paternal anxiety in adopting  
and pursuing those measures which appeared best  
calculated to secure the event, have been the means,  
blessed by Divine Providence, of advancing this Pro-  
vince to a state of prosperity, not even anticipated by  
the most sanguine well-wishers of its inhabitants and  
friends. We have also observed, and gratefully ac-  
knowledge, the steady zeal and pious example of your  
Excellency, to promote and set forth the interests and  
power of the true religion established amongst us,  
and our prayers and best wishes are offered for the

welfare, temporal and spiritual, of your Excellency, and of your family.

ANDREW DREW,  
*Chairman.*

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN :

I beg you will acquaint the Inhabitants of the County of Oxford, by whom you have been deputed, that I return them my sincere thanks for their Address, and the kind expression of their wishes for myself and that of my family.

Be assured I shall always feel a lively interest in the improvement of your fine County, and in the welfare and prosperity of its inhabitants.



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the Village of Streetsville, and its vicinity, beg most respectfully to express to your Excellency our sense of the many benefits and advantages which we have derived from your Excellency's administration.

The excellent example which has been set to all classes, by your strict, though unostentatious attention to religious duties, as well as the many extensive and



well conducted charities which have received your patronage and support, together with that of Lady Colborne and your family : your liberality during the period of the Cholera, in taking upon yourself heavy personal responsibilities, are all circumstances which have created indelible impressions on our grateful recollections. But above all we feel it due to your Excellency to express our gratitude for your unwearied and indefatigable attention to the business of the Province, and most particularly we humbly beg to express our heartfelt joy and satisfaction at the kind sentiments contained in your Speech to the House of Assembly, wherein you assure us that the *Constitution* of these Provinces will be firmly *upheld*. Your unceasing efforts in promoting Emigration, by which alone the best interests of this Province can be secured ; your anxiety for the general extension of Education, are all proofs of your personal solicitude for the well-being of those who are placed under your government ; and will hand down your name to posterity as one of the greatest benefactors of the Province.

In conclusion, we beg most sincerely and affectionately to express our anxious hopes, that prosperity and happiness may attend yourself and Lady Colborne, with your estimable family, wherever you go, and to assure you that the blessings of all classes of persons in this Province will accompany you.

*The CREDIT INDIANS in Council Assembled, beg leave to address their Great Father SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. Licutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c., on the eve of his departure from this Province.*

FATHER :

When your Excellency arrived in this country you found the Indian Tribes scattered, and in a wandering state; they were then just beginning to turn their hearts to the service of the Great Spirit. Since that time, by your paternal kindness, nearly all the surrounding tribes have been comfortably settled in villages, and are now beginning to reap the benefit of a civilized life; in which, it is hoped, they will still continue to increase more and more every year.

Father,—It must, no doubt, have filled your heart with gratitude to the great Being above, to have witnessed that your efforts to ameliorate the condition of the Indians has not been in vain.

Father,—We have always found you a true friend to the Indians, and it is with grateful feelings we remember all your benevolent acts towards us.

Father,—It is with much sorrow that we learn of your intended removal from this Province, and this feeling of regret arises from a consideration of the interest and good will you have always manifested for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the Indian Tribes.

Father,—We hope your Successor may possess the same kind feelings towards us, and that he will en-

Father,—All our young men, women and children, belonging to our Tribe, join us in shaking hands with you in our hearts.

This is all we have to say.

Signed in behalf of the Credit Indians.

JOSEPH SAWYER,  
PETER JONES,  
SAMUEL WAHBONEB, } *Chiefs.*

*River Credit,*  
January 20th, 1836.

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*To His Excellency* SIR JOHN COLBORNE, *Knight,*  
*Commander of the Most Honorable Military*  
*Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of*  
*the Province of Upper Canada, Major General*  
*Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,*  
*&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The Magistrates of the Newcastle District, in Session assembled, beg most respectfully to express their regret that you are so shortly to resign the Government of this Province.

Your unwearied spirit of devotion to the general welfare of the country, abundantly testified by the rapid march of improvement during your Excellency's administration, demands our warmest acknowledgment.

We feel called upon to express our deep sense of the lasting benefits conferred on all classes of the community by your impartial administration of the Laws—your untiring zeal for the advancement of ge-

neral Education, and the wholesome example afforded by your Excellency, Lady Colborne and family, in the strict observance of every moral and religious duty.

Your personal exertions in developing the resources of this Province, by which you have been enabled to point out improvements, and suggest measures for the increase of emigration, and the more effectual settlement of the country, afford additional proofs of the anxiety on all occasions displayed by your Excellency in the discharge of the important and difficult trust reposed in you by His Majesty's Government.

That it is the intention of the Home Government firmly to uphold the Constitution of these Provinces, we learn, with no small degree of satisfaction, from the speech delivered by your Excellency at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament.

Your residence for a time in the Lower Province, as Commander of the Forces, will, we trust, have a beneficial effect in checking the political struggles which prevail there to so alarming an extent.

We beg leave, in conclusion, to take a dutiful and affectionate farewell, by requesting your Excellency, Lady Colborne and amiable family, to accept our most anxious wishes, that wherever you go it may please Divine Providence to bestow upon you uninterrupted health and happiness—a sentiment in which we feel assured all classes in this District heartily participate.

## REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I request that the Magistrates of the Newcastle District will accept my sincere thanks for this Address.

There is no part of the Province in which I have more friends and acquaintances than in this District, and none, I assure you, in whose welfare I have taken a more lively interest.

The kind expression of your wishes for Lady Colborne and family is truly gratifying to me.

With my best wishes for your welfare and happiness, I again thank you for this mark of attention and kindness, in my passing through your District.

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*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, His Majesty's loyal subjects, inhabitants of the Town of Port Hope, beg leave to approach your Excellency on the occasion of your retirement from the administration of the Government of this Province, with this unfeigned expression of our regret for your departure from amongst us.

We beg to assure your Excellency of our conviction, (which we think we feel in common with a large

majority of the inhabitants of this Province) that in all your measures you have been governed by a sincere desire to promote the welfare of this rising Colony—and that whatever conflicting opinions may be entertained respecting those measures and their effects, but this *one* can be held of the *motives* which originated them—Your Excellency's unceasing endeavours to encourage and promote all public improvements in the Province, and in this District particularly—your undeviating solicitude for the reform of our bad system of education—your ready attention to all well-grounded causes of complaint—the salutary influence of your strict regard for religious observances—and your uniform and active benevolence, fully justify us in this assumption.

We beg to convey to your Excellency our earnest wishes, that in whatever station you occupy you may continue to enjoy the blessings of an approving conscience, and still witness the happiness and welfare of those under your influence, augmented by the wise and beneficent exercise of your power; and finally, our fervent hope, that it will please Divine Providence to bestow upon yourself, Lady Colborne, and your amiable family, unremitted health and prosperity.

## REPLY.

GENTLEMEN:

I thank you sincerely for your Address, and I assure you that I feel highly gratified on this occasion in receiving from you this expression of your opinion of my conduct and intentions, during my administration of the Government of this Province.

Accept my thanks for your kind wishes for myself and family.



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Cobourg and its vicinity, beg leave to offer to your Excellency, on an occasion which, we regret, may be the last on which we shall have the gratification of addressing you in your public capacity, the most unfeigned assurances of our esteem and attachment. The arduous administration of the Government of this Province, which your Excellency has now held for nearly eight years, and which you have regarded in the highest degree paternal, we are aware is about to close. Your Excellency came amongst us with the most flattering testimonies from the subjects of your previous Government ; and you cannot but feel the consolation of bearing away with you the kindest feelings of regard and affection from those who have experienced your anxious and unwearied care in this.

For the solicitude your Excellency has evinced in devising every means and forwarding every undertaking for the improvement of this Province, in which solicitude the District of Newcastle has particularly

shared, we feel deeply indebted, but not less for an example in domestic and private life, which could not but heighten in all classes a reverence for virtue, and a solemn regard for the obligations of religion.

May the future years of yourself and Lady Colborne, and the amiable family who have been trained up by your united example, be passed in that happiness and honour which at an early age your Excellency won in glorious fields, and which in later time you have merited by an unsparing devotion of your time and exertions to the cultivation and diffusion of the more necessary and enduring arts of peace.

We bid your Excellency farewell, in the ardent hope, that a gracious Providence will respond to our prayers in pouring every blessing, temporal and spiritual, upon yourself and family.

*Cobourg, 27th January, 1836.*



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the Village of Colborne, and its vicinity, most respectfully beg leave to express to your Excellency the high sense we entertain of the many advantages resulting from your Excellency's administration of the affairs of this Province.



We are perfectly aware of the unwearied and indefatigable attention you have ever paid in the discharge of the public and important duties confided to you, and your attention to the improvement and interests of the Province.

The announcement of your intention to relinquish the Government of Upper Canada, we received with much regret; such being your determination, we beg you will be pleased to accept of our best wishes for your welfare and future happiness, also that of Lady Colborne and your amiable family.



*To His Excellency* SIR JOHN COLBORNE, *Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the River Trent, and its vicinity, beg leave to take the present opportunity of offering our assurances of esteem and respect to your Excellency.

It is with extreme regret we learn that your Excellency has relinquished the high station among us, the duties of which you have so long, and so beneficially for this Province, discharged.

In approaching your Excellency for the last time, we beg to thank you for the recent assurances you have given us that the Constitution of these Provinces

is on no account to suffer alteration ; and we beg you to assure our gracious Sovereign, of our love, duty and loyalty, to his person, and that we, in common with a great majority of the inhabitants of this Province, rely with confidence on his wisdom and firmness to enable us to transmit to our posterity the blessing of the Constitution under which it is our happiness to live.

In taking leave of your Excellency, we would respectfully assure you, that you carry with you the respect, esteem and best wishes, of the Inhabitants of this part of the country ; and we would request to offer our sincere wishes for the health, happiness, and prosperity of your Excellency, Lady Colborne and family.

*River Trent,*  
27th January, 1836.



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the undersigned, Inhabitants of the Town of Belleville, and its vicinity, beg leave respectfully to express to your Excellency our sense of the many benefits and advantages we have enjoyed, from your

Excellency's administration of the Government of this Province.

As example, from those in exalted stations, tends, in a peculiar manner, to inculcate that due regard for moral and religious obligations, by which society is held together, we are much indebted to your Excellency for that unostentatious public attention and support which you have ever given to the cause of religion.

The charities of your Excellency, and of Lady Colborne, on all occasions, but particularly during the calamitous period of the cholera, when the kind hand of a benefactor was so readily extended by your Excellency, to the needy and deserving, have made indelible impressions on our hearts.

Your unwearied, and as we believe successful efforts, in rendering justice and protection to all His Majesty's subjects; your strenuous exertions for the advancement of the Agricultural interests; your anxiety to see established great and important internal improvements for facility of Commerce; your earnest endeavours for the diffusion of the blessings of education, and for the promotion of all such measures as have a direct tendency to better the moral condition and the commercial prosperity of the inhabitants of this Province, command our warmest thanks.

We are also deeply indebted to your Excellency for the encouragement of Emigration to this Province, on an extended scale, and that from being a thinly settled country, it has become one of the most prominent Colonies in our beloved Sovereign's dominions.

Many are the causes for which we must regret your Excellency's departure from among us, knowing, as we do, that you have most faithfully discharged the duties imposed on you by our Sovereign, watching over the welfare of the Province with paternal solicitude.

That prosperity and happiness may ever attend your Excellency, Lady Colborne and family, is our earnest prayer.



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of the Counties of Lenox and Addington, having learned with deep regret that your Excellency has been recalled from the Government of this Province, feel it a duty that we owe to ourselves, as well as an act of justice to your Excellency, to express the high sense we entertain of the zeal, ability, integrity and impartiality, with which your Excellency has administered the Government of the Province ; the encouragement which your Excellency has at all times so zealously and unremittingly extended to Emigration, and to internal improvement ; and to every measure having

for its object the welfare, prosperity and improvement of the Province, and the developement of its great resources for Agricultural and Commercial industry and enterprise, has been attended with the most happy success ; and its rapid and unparalelled increase in population, wealth, and public enterprize, under your Excellency's administration of the Government, has entitled your Excellency to the lasting gratitude and respect of all classes of His Majesty's Subjects.

Deeply impressed with these sentiments, and with the lasting advantages which this Province has derived from your Excellency's able, just, and popular administration of its Government, we do sincerely and deeply regret the policy that has led to your Excellency's recall ; we trust, however, that your Excellency's faithful, constitutional, and successful discharge of the arduous and responsible duties of the high trust which your Excellency has filled in this Province, cannot fail to be duly appreciated and rewarded by the approbation of our gracious Sovereign.

With the highest sentiments of respect and regard for your Excellency's public and private character, and with sincere and earnest wishes and prayers for your Excellency's health, happiness and welfare—

We remain your Excellency's

Most humble and obliged Servants.

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

It is under feelings of no ordinary interest we now approach your Excellency. With emotions of doubt and anxiety we learned, that the unprecedented commands of our Government had superceded the administration which your Excellency has so long and so graciously held over us ; and all the tribute now left for us to offer for the eminent services of so superior a Magistrate is our affectionate and reverential vale.

The impartial zeal—the ability and integrity which has throughout characterised your Excellency's administration of this Province, and which has so materially tended to the developement of its agricultural and commercial resources, can only be outvied by the lustre which already encircles your Excellency's name, as associated with feats long ago recorded on the undying history of our much loved mother land.

With gratitude we had, in 1828, to thank our gracious Monarch for the choice he made, in sending among us a personage who had, by his virtue and bravery, won for himself the golden fame of public opinion, and who, after a residence among us of seven years, has realised all that could have been anticipated from so great a man, and now carries with him the honest regards of all His Majesty's loyal subjects throughout the Province.

That a length of days and happiness may crown Your Excellency and household, as the reward of deeds so enrolled by principle and truth, will ever be the prayer of the few obscure, yet loyal inhabitants of the village of Napanee.

*Napanee, 27th January, 1836.*



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the inhabitants of Kingston, avail ourselves of the opportunity presented by your Excellency's passage through our Town, thus formally to testify the high respect which we entertain for your Excellency's public and private character, and to express our sincere regret that your Excellency's administration of the Government of this Province has been brought to a close.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency of our firm persuasion, that in zeal for promoting the general welfare, and a conscientious assiduity in the functions of your exalted station, your Excellency has been surpassed by none of your predecessors. Such, we also fully believe, is the prevailing impression on the minds of all classes of our fellow subjects throughout the Province.

The period during which your Excellency has presided over the Councils of Upper Canada, is one of no trivial interest. It cannot fail to be memorable in the annals of the Colony, for the progress, not less substantial than rapid, which has been made in social improvement and the developement of many promising sources of wealth; for the accession to our population of an unprecedented number of valuable Emigrants; for various projects devised to facilitate internal communication; and for that rising spirit of Agricultural and Commercial enterprise which is fast laying for this country, both broad and deep, the foundations of its future political importance.

In taking leave of your Excellency, we beg most respectfully to tender our best wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, as well as of Lady Colborne and your family, and we indulge in the hope that you may long continue to enjoy the confidence of our venerable King, and grace his glorious service.

*Kingston, January 29th, 1836.*



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects of the village of Gananoqui, in the Johnstown District, beg leave, with sentiments of profound respect, to approach your Excellency, and to assure you, that the



many blessings and benefits conferred upon this portion of His Majesty's dominions, under the administration of your Excellency, shall long be remembered by us, with the liveliest sense of gratitude and satisfaction. That prosperity and happiness may ever attend your Excellency and family through life, is the fervent wish and sincere prayer of the subscribers.

*January 29th, 1836.*



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

SIR,

The inhabitants of Brockville, and its vicinity, have learned with deep regret your recall from the Government of this Province, impressed with a firm conviction that your utmost energies have been put forth to promote the best interests of the Colony.

The establishment of Upper Canada College by your personal exertions, and the repeated recommendations to the Legislature to adopt measures for the promotion of education, have fully evinced your great desire to improve the moral condition of the people, while your firm adherence to the interest of religion has marked your determination to promote their spiritual advancement.

The encouragement held out by the Government to Emigration, and the facility which was always afforded to settlers in procuring lands, and the assistance given in their settlement, has tended greatly to effect that rapid improvement in the Province, which has been witnessed under your administration.

The spirit of enterprise now prevalent in this Province, and which has led to the completion of some great works, and the commencement of others for the advancement of Commerce and Agriculture, has been fostered and promoted, and will forever remain monuments of your wisdom and zeal.

However talented may be your successor, and qualified to fill the important office which you have surrendered, we cannot but deplore the change at the present juncture, when every exertion is making to mutilate the Constitution, which it should be our utmost wish to support and uphold, as the connecting link between this and the Mother Country. Notwithstanding the concession that has been made in the Sister Colony, by assenting to the payment of monies to an Agent of the Assembly, who is engaged in increasing attempts to destroy the constitution, it is with feelings of the greatest satisfaction we learn, that although alterations may be proposed to remedy evils complained of in the Provinces, the Constitution will nevertheless be firmly upheld.

In whatever situation or circumstances you may be placed, you and your amiable family will carry with you the best wishes of the loyal inhabitants of this

Province for your prosperity and happiness ; and in taking leave, we cannot refrain from expressing a hope that you will retain a favorable recollection of the country from which you are now departing, so much to the regret of the well-disposed, and that you will bear in mind, that although discontented individuals are to be found, the great body of the people are loyal and contented, and firmly attached to His Majesty's person and Government, and the constitution of the Province.

*Brockville, 23rd January, 1836.*



*To His Excellency* SIR JOHN COLBORNE, *Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

SIR,

We, the undersigned, on behalf of ourselves and fellow members of the British Constitutional Society of the County of Leeds, consisting of a large portion of the Magistracy, Landed Proprietors and Merchants, and upwards of two thousand of the male adult population of the country, beg leave to approach you, on the eve of your departure from this Province, with sentiments of the most cordial attachment and respect.

During the extended period which it pleased our most gracious Sovereign to delegate to you, Sir, the exercise of the Royal power, within this highly favored

and prosperous Colony, we have had every reason to feel thankful for your paternal solicitude and affection for the welfare of our fellow countrymen arriving in this Province, and who may be considered as a British rock, against which the combined waves of domestic agitation and French treachery, may beat in vain.

Although we cannot, Sir, but regret your recall from the helm of affairs in this country, when, through a course of the most assiduous attention, you had acquired a thorough knowledge of its resources, and a correct understanding of the state of parties within it, yet we cannot but anxiously look forward to the period when, (we trust) a safe and prosperous passage may waft you to the shores of our Father land, and where, we have little doubt, but that you will convey to the ear of our Royal Master, our justly venerated Monarch, those sentiments of loyalty which distinguish his faithful subjects in this important appendage of his Empire, and be enabled to afford to His Majesty's present confidential advisers, that correct and impartial knowledge of the true state of the political affairs in British North America, which, judging from recent circumstances, we most firmly believe they stand in need of.

That Lady Colborne and her amiable family may, with you, Sir John, enjoy all earthly bliss, is the fervent prayer of, Sir, your faithful and obedient servants,

On behalf of self and fellow members,

R. D. FRASER, *Chairman.*

H. THORNHILL, *Secretary.*

*County of Leeds, U. C. January 23. 1836.*

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the Magistrates, Clergy, and other inhabitants of the Eastern District, cannot allow you to depart the Province, without expressing our deep regret at being deprived, at this important crisis of political agitation in the Sister Colony, of your invaluable services as Administrator of the Government of this Province—knowing, as we do, from past experience, your undeviating attachment to the British Constitution, and your determination to “uphold” it at all hazards, *even* at that of your *own* personal interest.

The loss that the Province must sustain by your unexpected and sudden departure, will, in our opinion, prove incalculable, and be attended with serious and impairable injury to its interests.

The many and great improvements that have been commenced and fostered under your Administration, will, we fear, languish and be retarded in their progress and completion ; for although far be it from us to cast any reproach upon the Administration of those who have preceded, or to prognosticate ill of those who may come after you, still we do not hesitate to say, that none have succeeded in promoting the improvement of the Province in so great a degree as has been effected under your Administration.

But notwithstanding that the prosperity of the Province may for a time receive a check, from the great loss that it will sustain in your person, who may well be styled its benefactor and protector, still we have derived great consolation from the speech delivered by you at the opening of the present Session of the Parliament, as by it we are assured, that "whatever measures may be adopted in consequence of the enquiry of the Commissioners appointed by His Majesty to investigate certain grievances said to exist in Lower Canada," or whatever alteration may be proposed to remedy the evils complained of, *we may rest assured that the Constitution of Upper and Lower Canada will be firmly upheld.*

In wishing you a prosperous and welcome return to your native land, we earnestly pray that our Most Gracious Sovereign will, in his wisdom, duly appreciate the inestimable services rendered by you to this important appendage of his dominions; and that he will not fail to confer upon you those *honours* and *rewards* which are *only* due to the *just*, the *honourable*, the *disinterested*, and the *impartial*.

*Cornwall, 26th January, 1836.*

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the Clergy, Magistrates, and other inhabitants of the County of Glengary, having learned with sincere regret, that you have resigned the Government of this Province, most respectfully beg leave to express to you the high respect which we entertain for you, as the late Representative of our revered Sovereign, and our ardent attachment to our King and the Constitution, as established by law in this Colony.

These sentiments of loyalty we inherit from ancestors, who were ever conspicuous as the firm supporters of Regal Government, and for their devoted attachment and fidelity to their Prince.

We beg leave also to express to you our conviction of the justice and impartiality of your administration of the Government of this Province, during the time you presided over its Councils; and of the advantages which have resulted to the Province from your exertions, in affording encouragement to education, facilities to emigration, and promoting every public improvement.

Your late visit to our County afforded us the highest gratification, and confirmed us in the belief that no personal inconvenience would deter you from visiting all parts of the Province, to enable you to acquire a perfect knowledge of the wants and wishes of its

inhabitants ; and we looked forward with confidence to the benefits which might have been the result of your tour through our County and the eastern parts of the Province.

We most sincerely wish yourself, Lady Colborne and family, our warmest and best wishes, and hope that your administration of the Government of this Province may receive from our Sovereign that high approbation which it so justly merits.

*Glengary, 1st February, 1836.*



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

SIR,

We, the Presbytery of Toronto, in connection with the Church of Scotland, were instructed by our Synod, at the last annual meeting, to present to you, as His Majesty's Representative, an Address in their name, while we were also to put into your hands a Memorial, for transmission to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies ; but now, when we are assembled, your Administration has ceased, and we therefore beg leave, in our own name, to express to you the sentiments and feelings which we entertain on the occasion of your retiring from the exalted station which you filled.



The period of your Administration confessedly has been distinguished for the vast increase of the population of the Province, the development of its resources, and its general prosperity ; and the zeal and untiring exertions with which you discharged your high duties have, through Divine blessing, eminently contributed to those important results.

We may not affirm that the progress of vital religion amongst us has kept pace with that of wealth and civilization—yet to you, who can appreciate the supreme value of Godliness, it may be a comforting reflection, that you have left the Province in a better condition, as to the public and private means of Grace, than that in which you found it.

The Church of which we form a part has, during the bright period of your Government, been considerably enlarged : Ministers and Churches having been increased manifold, so that multitudes who lately mourned over silent Sabbaths, and week after week remembered with regret the Land of their Fathers, as they thought of the days “when they went with the multitude to the House of God, with the voice of joy and praise,” do now in the forest wilds, or in rising villages and towns, hear the sound of the Gospel, and receive from their Pastors the Bread of Life.

The pecuniary aid which His Majesty’s Government has granted to our Church has, so far as it goes, been an important boon ; and though from the want of it some congregations can with the greatest difficulty support Ministers, while not a few are destitute of them altogether, we believe that this has not arisen from any unfriendliness on your part towards our Church.

We reflect with high satisfaction, that your private walk, as well as your public acts, have always favored the cause of religion ; and we trust that the countenance which the public and domestic exercises of piety have found in your example, will long operate beneficially on our Provincial community.

We tender to you our hearty thanks for the courtesy and kindness with which, in our intercourse with you, we have been received ; and we would assure you that, in common with the tens of thousands of our fellow-subjects who have regretted your departure, we shall always take an interest in you, wherever your connection with the service of our Sovereign may call you. And now also we commend you and your family to the protection and blessing of the God of Salvation to the end, that you and they may, at the close of the pilgrimage of life, enter into that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Presbytery.

M. Y. STARK,

*Moderator.*

WILLIAM RINTOUL,

*Presbytery Clerk.*

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the undersigned, Freeholders and Householders of the Township of East Flamborough, beg leave, with sentiments of deep gratitude and of profound respect, to address your Excellency upon your approaching departure from this Province.

We are well aware of the paternal anxiety which has uniformly been your guide since you were called upon to administer for our gracious Sovereign in this valuable portion of the Empire ; and we now feel it a bounden duty to express our unfeigned regret, upon the prospect of losing a Governor to whom we owe so much.

Whether it shall be his Majesty's intention to call your Excellency to other services, or whether you are about to retire from the bustling scenes of public life, the remembrance of those advances which Upper Canada has made in moral and religious improvement, in political importance, and internal prosperity, during your administration of the Province, must for ever prove a source of honest pride and of soothing recollection.

That every blessing and comfort may attend your Excellency, and all who are dear to you, is the fervent prayer of those who now offer this address.

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the Township of Trafalgar, in the Gore District, beg leave to express to your Excellency our unfeigned regret on learning that you have resigned the Government of this Province, and have recently departed therefrom.

When we consider that your Excellency assumed the Government of this Province at a period of uncommon difficulty, and requiring the most unremitting exertions on your part; that notwithstanding these difficulties, your Excellency has been enabled, by your prudent administration of the Government, to leave the Province in a rapidly increasing state of wealth and population; our sentiments of regret at your Excellency's departure are proportionally increased, more especially when we look around the country and perceive the numerous roads, canals, harbours, and other works of public benefit which have been either commenced, aided or completed, through every part of it, under your Excellency's fostering and paternal care.

Wherever, and in whatsoever station, it may be the pleasure of his Majesty to employ the remainder of your valuable life, (for such talents and integrity as you possess, we cannot suppose will be allowed to remain unemployed in the present situation of affairs)

your Excellency, Lady Colborne, and all who are dear to you, will carry with you our sincere prayers for your future welfare and happiness, and for your enjoyment of the blessings which your faithful services, in the exercise of a high and important trust, so eminently merit.



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

The respectful address of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Township of Nichol, in the District of Gore, Upper Canada.

We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the said Township of Nichol, have heard with unfeigned regret of your approaching departure from this Province, for the interest and welfare of which, and of its inhabitants, you have uniformly shewn the most anxious care and solicitude; and we cannot permit your final departure, without manifesting the respect and esteem which we, in common with the other inhabitants of the Province, entertain for you.

Deeply impressed with these sentiments, we feel a sincere regret at your approaching departure, and beg leave to offer you our most fervent wishes for your future health and happiness.

25th January, 1836.

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Society, and for ourselves, take the opportunity, though late, of expressing to your Excellency the deep sorrow we feel at your departure from among us.

To your Excellency's unwearied efforts in advancing the best interests of this Province, do we attribute its present flourishing state ; and when we look around and behold the many corn fields waving in the breeze, where but a few years before all was in a state of wilderness, we feel still more deeply the loss of that hand, which, through the blessing of Divine Providence, contributed so much to so desirable an end. And in the hope that the Most High may shower every blessing upon you and your family, we are, with the deepest respect, your Excellency's most obedient, humble servants,

JOHN THOMSON,  
*President.*

J. L. DARLING,  
*Secretary,*

Of the Huron and Simcoe Agricultural Society.

*Orillia, 1st February, 1836.*

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the undersigned inhabitants of the Town and Township of Niagara, assembled at a public meeting held at the British Hotel, on Tuesday, the ninth instant, for the purpose of addressing you on your departure from this Province, beg leave, as a slight testimony of regard for your person and Government, to communicate to you our views and feelings in relation to your Administration. You are now, Sir, by your resignation of the Government of this Province, placed in a situation which, however exalted, renders it impossible for you to give or take away any situation which those who now address you may possess, or desire to possess, and being so situated, the most violent opposer of your official conduct will find it impossible to attribute to the people of Niagara any selfish or unpatriotic motive in thus addressing you.

Influenced by no feeling but that of an ardent attachment to you, and to your Administration; actuated by no motive but a love of British institutions, which you so sedulously and so successfully endeavoured to preserve unimpaired, we address you *at this late period*, solely with a view of convincing you, your Royal Master, and those who vainly attempt to asperse your character, that your conduct during your residence in this Province has met with *our* unqualified

approbation ; and that the mild and liberal line of policy which you pursued, will, in our opinion, cause your name to be carried down to posterity, as one of the best of men, and as one of the most enlightened and liberal benefactors of the Canadian people.

Some degree of selfishness may, *at this moment*, be supposed to actuate our conduct, but if it be regarded as such by any class of His Majesty's subjects, it must be esteemed by every disinterested and enlightened mind, as a kind of selfishness so general in its consequences, and so universal in its intentions, as to induce all who are capable of properly appreciating the motives which actuate the conduct of the free citizens of a free and unrivalled Government, to regard our present proceedings more as a proof of sound patriotism, than of selfishness or servileness.

The institutions of our happy country are now assailed and sought to be subverted by *many of our Representatives* in the Provincial Parliament. To preserve those institutions unimpaired was the study of your long and laborious administration ; and when we assure you that, in our opinion, the Constitutional exercise of the duties of your late important trust was highly calculated to render more popular those institutions, you will naturally expect that we should state unhesitatingly that we consider your departure from amongst us as an event most deeply to be deplored. We are fully satisfied that the duties which devolved upon you, whilst presiding over the destinies of this Province, were always discharged with a conscientious regard to the rights and liberties of His Majesty's Canadian subjects ; and we are equally satisfied that every lover of his country, of its laws, its institutions,



and the mighty Empire, of which we have the honour and the happiness to form a part, will most cordially concur with us in the expression of every sentiment contained in this Address.

The lover of literature, the philanthropist, who regards man of every clime, and of every colour, as entitled to equal rights, civil and political ; and the exile from the home of his fathers, will never cease to regret your departure from the land of his birth or of his adoption.

In you, Sir, literature has lost an uncompromising and liberal supporter ; Philanthropy a warm and generous benefactor ; and the *once* proud and noble Aborigines of this magnificent Province a father, whose paternal care and unceasing assiduity was likely, ere long, to elevate the character and improve the condition of that noble people to such a degree as would qualify them for the enjoyment of the blessings of our civil and political institutions, and the proper exercise of the privileges which they afford to all who are by education capable of properly appreciating them. You will, therefore, receive this slight tribute of our gratitude to you, our affection to our Sovereign, and our unalterable attachment to the Mother Country, as a proof that we shall never cease to regret that any cause, however cogent, could have induced you to resign into other hands the trust which was confided to you by our illustrious Sovereign.

Wishing Lady Colborne and your family that happiness, to which their virtues so eminently entitle them, we, with much regret, bid you adieu.

*Niagara, 25th February, 1836.*

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the inhabitants of the District of Prince Edward, beg leave humbly to approach your Excellency to testify the high respect which we entertain for your Excellency's public and private character, and to express our sincere regret that your Excellency's administration of the Government of this Province has been brought to a close.

We beg to assure your Excellency of our firm conviction, that your Excellency's untiring exertions for the general welfare, and conscientious discharge of the duties of your exalted trust, has raised this Province to a station, in the civilized world, that it would not have reached for many years to come, under a less zealous and impartial discharge of those high duties devolving upon the representative of our beloved Sovereign. The uninterrupted prosperity of the agricultural and commercial interests of the Province; the increased facilities of education; the unprecedented increase of population, of wealth, and of cultivated territory, during the period your Excellency has presided over the Councils of Upper Canada, are lasting monuments of your successful administration,

and secures to your Excellency the best wishes of the whole population, for your future health and happiness. In taking leave of your Excellency, we beg most respectfully to express our anxious hopes that prosperity and happiness may attend yourself and Lady Colborne, with your estimable family, and that your Excellency may long continue to grace the service and enjoy the confidence of our venerated King.

*District of Prince Edward,*

February 4th, 1836.



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

SIR,

We, the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Peterborough and its vicinity, respectfully beg leave to express our regret at your departure from this Province. Upon a retrospect of the events of the last seven years, we feel that we would be wanting in common gratitude did we not return you our sincere thanks for the numerous benefits which you have, during your administration of the Government of Upper Canada, conferred on the Province generally, and for the great interest you always took in promoting the welfare of this part of the country. We hope that the improvements in our water communications, which

were always so strenuously supported by you, will still be kept in view, and that we may have, ere long, what nature has so pointedly marked out—an uninterrupted navigation from Lake Simcoe to the Bay of Quinte. With sincere good wishes for the health and happiness of Lady Colborne and your family, and our fervent prayers that the Almighty Giver of all Good may long spare you to them and to your country.

We have the honour to be, respectfully, your most obedient humble servants.

*Peterborough, 1st February, 1836.*



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, His Majesty's faithful subjects, inhabitants of Perth and its vicinity, learn, with sincere regret, that your Excellency has been recalled from the Government of this Province, which has for so long a period enjoyed your Excellency's fostering care and protection.

Under your Excellency's Administration public improvements have rapidly advanced; the condition of all classes of His Majesty's subjects materially improved; and the settlement of the Waste Lands of the Crown duly encouraged.

Deeply lamenting the departure of your Excellency from a Colony which has been so much benefitted by your wise and judicious measures, and where your public and private virtues have been so conspicuous, we beg, respectfully, to tender to your Excellency our sincere regards, and best wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, and that of Lady Colborne and amiable family.

*Perth, January, 1836.*



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Richmond and vicinity, cannot, in justice to ourselves, permit your Excellency to leave the Government of this Province, without respectfully expressing those sentiments of attachment and high consideration which your arduous attention to the duties of your dignified station have inspired.

The earnest and unceasing endeavours which have been evinced by your Excellency to promote every object which could contribute to the peace, happiness, and welfare of this Colony, are deserving of every praise. The zeal with which you have encouraged the improvement of our internal communications; the formation of permanent roads and bridges; the placing

the inestimable benefits of education within the reach of all classes, demands our acknowledgments. In the promoting of emigration by every means in your power, the Province has made such rapid acquisitions in industry, capital, and enterprize, as not to fear competition with countries of much older establishment. The high and honourable feeling which has ever been so conspicuous in the exalted position which your Excellency has held during your Administration, has called for the deep regret of His Majesty's loyal subjects on this unexpected crisis of your relinquishment of the Government of this Province. In tendering our acknowledgments for the many advantages which we have derived from your Administration, permit us to add our earnest wishes for the health and happiness of your Excellency, Lady Colborne and family; for your safe arrival, should you intend returning to your native land; and that you may receive from your Sovereign those thankful gratulations which your eminent and faithful services have so justly merited.

*Richmond, January, 1836.*



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

SIR,

We, the undersigned, Inhabitants of the Townships of Adelaide and Warwick, lament that the re-

moteness of our situation precluded the possibility of our offering you, previous to your departure from Toronto, the assurance of the deep regret with which we received the intelligence of your removal from the Government of this Province, and of the grateful sense we entertain of the many benefits you have conferred upon the country, during the period of your administration.

Your unremitting attention, Sir, to the important duties of your station; your zealous co-operation in all plans having for their object the improvement of the internal resources of the Province; and your successful efforts in the cause of religion and education, establish indisputably your claim to the title of one of the best Governors Canada ever had.

That noble Institution, Upper Canada College, will remain a lasting monument of your wisdom, and of your benevolent zeal for the welfare of the rising generation of this our adopted country.

The kind interest you, Sir, have uniformly manifested for the prosperity of our infant settlement; your readiness to assist us in improving our roads; and your anxiety at all times to mitigate, as far as possible, the difficulties naturally incident to our situation, have inspired us with feelings of personal attachment and esteem, equalled only by our admiration and respect for your public acts.

Wishing you, then, and your amiable Lady and family, the enjoyment of happiness here and hereafter, we have the honor to subscribe ourselves,

Sir,

Your faithful and obedient Servants.

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

OUR FATHER :

We, the Chippewa and Potaganasee Indians, settled at Coldwater and the Narrows of Lake Simcoe, have heard with great sorrow that you are going to quit this country and return to the country of our Great Father across the great lake.

We shall never forget that under your care we have been brought to a greater knowledge of the Christian Religion ; and we shall always remember, in our prayers to the Great Spirit, to ask for his blessing on you. Not satisfied with giving us this great good, you have also given us land to cultivate, on which you have built us mills ; you have given us houses to shelter us, and have provided us with oxen and cows, and all things necessary for cultivating our farms : so that instead of being in the poor and often starving condition, in which you found us, we are now well clothed and have abundance of food.

You have also built schools, and sent us masters to teach our children to read and write.

Although we have sometimes neglected these good things, and have not been so attentive to your wishes as we now feel that we ought to have been, we know that you have always overlooked this neglect as a father would that of a child ; and we have at length



become convinced of the necessity of doing all things that you have told us.

And now that you are leaving us, and going to see our Great Father, the King, we ask of you to speak kindly of us to him; say that we are thankful for being placed under his care; that we hope that we and our children for ever may remain dutiful and obedient to him our Great English Father, and that we promise to do all things that he may wish.

We would ask him to continue to us the kindness he has always shown towards his red children; and we ask in the name of our brethren farther west and north of us, who are now destitute of the good things you gave us, and are more miserable than we ever were, that our Great Father would extend his strong arm and provide them, as he done us, with the means of becoming like his white children; that they may worship the same God, learn the same language, and have the same means of obtaining food that are known to our Great Father and his white children.

We shake you firmly by the hand—we pray that your voyage across the Great Salt Lake may be a prosperous one, and that you and your family may always live happy.

[Signed by eight CHIEFS.]

*Coldwater, February, 1836.*

REPLY.

*Montreal, 29th February, 1836.*

SIR,

I request you will have the goodness to communicate to the Chippewa and Potaganasee Indians my

thanks for their address, and to acquaint them that I shall ever feel the greatest interest in their welfare and prosperity; and that I recommend them most earnestly to persevere in their exertions, profiting by the religious instructions which has been appointed for them, and giving all the encouragement in their power for the support of the schools which have been established for their children; that I regret that I was not able to attend more to their interests, during my administration of the Government, and that I hope they are now aware of the difficulties which I had to encounter at the commencement of that administration; but that I trust the time is not far distant when I shall hear of their exertions to promote generally the civilization, both of the Indians of the settled Townships, and of those who may be induced to take up their abode at the Manitoulin Island.

You will also have the goodness to inform them that I have communicated to my successor the project of forming an extensive establishment at the Great Manitoulin Island, and for reserving that Island for the Indians solely; and I am persuaded he will take a lively interest in carrying into effect the projected arrangements.

I beg you will communicate to them my earnest desire that now as they are acquainted with the blessing of civilized habits, they will endeavour to bring together their dispersed brethren, whose interests have been too long neglected.

With my most fervent prayers for the welfare and happiness of the red children of the forest, and with

my best thanks for your kindness to them, and for the zeal and exertion with which you have always laboured for them, I hope the Almighty will grant you health to proceed with the good work in which you are engaged with so much diligence.

I remain, Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

J. COLBORNE.

CAPTAIN ANDERSON,

*Superintendent Indian Dep't.*

*Coldwater, Upper Canada.*



*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Clergy of the Church of England, resident in Lower Canada, embrace the opportunity afforded by our present meeting, of approaching your Excellency, with sentiments of unfeigned respect for yourself personally, and of unqualified admiration of the fidelity with which you have discharged the high and important trust reposed in you by our gracious Sovereign, during your administration of the Government of the Upper Province.

We deeply feel that, by the removal of your Excellency from that Province, over which you presided with so much honour to yourself and so much benefit to the country at large, the interests of religion generally, and of our own church more especially, (of which, we may be allowed to say, as we do in all sincerity, you are an exemplary member and a distinguished ornament) have lost a tried friend and a zealous supporter. And we beg to offer to your Excellency our cordial thanks for the attention with which you have always regarded the interests of our Church; and we do gratefully acknowledge that its present flourishing condition in the Sister Province is, in a great measure, to be attributed, under God, to your Excellency's kind and fostering hand.

We respectfully present to your Excellency, Lady Colborne and family, the expression of our sincere regard and best wishes for your happiness; and we fervently pray, that wherever it may please a wise and gracious Providence to cast your lot, you may enjoy "the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ," and finally, by God's mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Signed in behalf of the Clergy of the Church of England in Lower Canada.

C. J. QUEBEC.

*Montreal, 10th March, 1836.*

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight,  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
&c. &c. &c.*

We, the members of the "Western Clerical Society," assembled at our Quarterly Meeting, beg to present to your Excellency the assurance of our unfeigned regret that any circumstances should have taken place to cause your resignation of the Government of this Province. We have not been unmindful spectators of the unceasing paternal interest which your Excellency has exhibited in promoting the welfare of this country. We are grateful for your Excellency's expressed interest in the proceedings of our Society, and for the gracious and ready attention to the suggestions which, from a zeal for the permanent establishment of our Holy Church we have ventured at any time to offer. We are specially grateful for the measure with which your Excellency has closed the administration of Provincial affairs—the endowing of such a number of Rectories, thereby recognizing the establishment of the Church of England and Ireland as a fundamental principle of the Constitution of this Colony.

We cannot but express our thankfulness for the uniform and edifying example which your Excellency, Lady Colborne and family, have invariably given of a holy observance of the Sabbath of the Lord, and of an influential patronage and active support of every

institution whose object has been to advance the Glory of God, or to secure the welfare, temporal and spiritual, of our fellow-creatures.

It remains, in bidding a painful farewell, to assure your Excellency, Lady Colborne and family, that our united and individual prayers are, and shall be offered to the Throne of Grace, that the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ would deign to guide you all by His Counsel, to bless you with all spiritual blessings, and finally to receive you to His Glory.

(Signed) FRANCIS EVANS,  
*Chairman.*

WILLIAM BETTERIDGE,  
*Secretary.*

*Woodhouse, 3rd February, 1836.*



*Extracts from the Toronto Newspapers.*



ON Monday, Sir Francis Bond Head was sworn in Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.

On Tuesday morning, at ten o'clock, Sir John and Lady Colborne, with their family, left the Government House. Almost the whole of the respectable population of the town and neighbourhood thronged round the spot, anxious to pay a last tribute of respect to a family endeared to them by their virtues. There is always somewhat of emotion exhibited, when we part with a person whom we have known for years, although there be nothing particularly amiable or attractive in

his character. How much more then must the feelings be awakened, and the liveliest regrets excited, when we take a last look of one, who has not only discharged the social duties in the most exemplary manner, but who has ruled a Province for many years, watching over its interests, and endeavouring to promote its advancement with the solicitude of an anxious parent.

According to previous arrangement, the inhabitants of Toronto accompanied Sir John, in sleighs, of which there could not have been less than two hundred, while an immense number of persons kept pace with the procession on foot, and on horseback. The Mayor (R. B. Sullivan, Esq.) and Corporation, the Judges, the Gentlemen of the Bar, many of the Members of the Legislative Council, and of the House of Assembly, several Clergymen, and the most respectable Merchants, the Officers of the Garrison, a large body of private individuals, and in fine, almost every body with a drop of British feeling in his veins, hastened to tender a parting homage to the virtues of their late Lieutenant Governor.

When the procession had passed a considerable distance beyond the Turnpike, the sleighs advanced before that of Sir John Colborne, and drew up on each side of the road, leaving an open space for him to pass through. This he did very slowly. Every one uncovered as he drove by, and gave and received a LAST FAREWELL. Never before did we witness so much feeling with so little show. Sir John and Lady Colborne were visibly affected, and could not conceal the painful yet pleasing emotions which the scene

inspired. Nor was this feeling not reciprocal on the part of the spectators. Many persons were moved even to tears, and gloom and sorrow overshadowed every countenance. All private pique, all personal animosity, all petty disappointment vanished at this moment. Throughout the immense mass of human beings assembled ran but one kind and general feeling of regret. Men gazed for the last time on the forms of those who had showered down blessings or poor,—on those who had lived among them so long shedding the influence of pure and holy lives around them,—on those, in whom their bitterest political enemies could never raise an angry or revengeful passion. Men gazed: and many, whose utterance was choked by grief, breathed from the innermost core of their heart, an earnest and solemn prayer for the temporal and eternal welfare of the departing family.—*Courier*.



(*From the Patriot.*)

Sir John Colborne, Lady Colborne and family, left this morning at nine o'clock. They take with them the good wishes of all true British subjects. Sir John has the happy consciousness of having faithfully discharged his duty to his Sovereign, and of having witnessed the progressive improvement of the splendid region he has governed during the whole seven years of his mild and beneficent rule. High and low, rich and poor accompanied him several miles on his way, in a numerous and most respectable train of carriages.



sleighs, horsemen, and pedestrians. The City, after his departure, was literally empty.



*(From the Christian Guardian.)*

Whatever conflicting opinions may be entertained by contending parties, as to the political sentiments and course of Sir John Colborne, during his administration, on which it is foreign to our duty to offer any remarks, all who have been favoured with access to him will pay a just tribute of praise to the gentlemanly urbanity of his manners, and the affable manner in which he invariably treated his inferiors in rank, with whom, in the discharge of his official duties, he, from time to time, held intercourse. The praiseworthy example of respect for the Sabbath and ordinances of God, which has been uniformly manifested by His Excellency and his amiable family, has not been without effect, and will be long borne in mind; adding a stronger lustre to his character than it would have been in his power to attain by any other means had this been neglected. The unwearied assiduity with which her Ladyship has applied herself, during her residence here, to charitable and benevolent purposes, and especially to the promotion of the comfort of the indigent and afflicted, is above all praise. By unnumbered acts of kindness, and by large pecuniary contributions, she has brought down upon herself and family the blessing of many who were ready to perish, and her memory is embalmed in the hearts of numbers of the suffering poor, who through her noble generosity, have been caused to sing for joy. Well

would it be for all classes of society, were all who occupy places of power and influence to exert themselves in promoting morality and religion, and in leading the way to the performance of those acts of philanthropy and piety which are too often overlooked or neglected in the bustle of business, and the glare of fashion. We heartily pray that the blessings of Divine Providence and grace may ever accompany His Excellency and family, and that they may at length rest from the turmoils of political contention and earthly cares, in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.



*(From the Albion of Upper Canada.)*



### PROGRAMME

*Of the Procession to accompany Sir John Colborne from the City of Toronto, upon his departure, on Tuesday morning, the 26th instant, at nine o'clock.*

High Sheriff of the Home District.

His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Toronto.

Justices of the Peace—Officers of the Government.

Members of the Legislative Council—Members of the House of Assembly.

Sir John Colborne and Family.

The Clergy, Members of the Bar, and Medical Profession.

Inhabitants in carriages.

Inhabitants on foot.

Those persons who are to take their places in the procession preceding Sir John Colborne, will fall into the line east of the Government House, on King-street, and those who are to follow Sir John Colborne will form into a line west of the Government House.

The procession to be in readiness precisely at nine o'clock in the morning.

By nine o'clock in the morning a large body of respectable individuals had assembled, and long before ten the whole of King-street was a busy scene: the sleighs from Taylor's livery stables, with six beautiful grey horses, intended to convey the family, whilst Sir John himself travelled with Lady Colborne in his own sleigh and pair of horses.

He had no sooner entered the carriage than three hearty cheers were given by the assembled multitude, which was re-echoed by the whole length of the line of sleighs, which amounted to nearly two hundred in number, of all kinds and descriptions, from the most splendid to those of the most humble description; indeed, a sleigh was not to be got for any price, so determined were the entire population to do honour to Sir John Colborne. The Corporation, with the Mayor (Mr. Sullivan) at their head, in his robes, in carriages drawn by four horses; Members of the House occupied the more humble vehicles of lumber sleighs, fitted up with rough boards, which created a good share of amusement; but nothing could daunt the ardour which had taken possession of the minds of all classes to shew their regard for a good man and

his family, who had also been one of the best, if not the very best friend Upper Canada ever knew.

The procession moved on at a trotting pace, accompanied by equestrians and pedestrians, the latter of whom kept up with it till Sir John reached the Don Bridge, when many of them returned. The horsemen and sleighs, however, accompanied him five miles out of town, when his carriage stopped a few minutes, and the whole cavalcade passed him, forming a line on each side of the road, and leaving an opening, through which Sir John passed. It was then that the moment of interest had arrived—it was then that the farewell was to take place: he passed slowly on, taking leave of all, of many by name, when not a sound was heard except “Good bye, Sir,” and the response, “God bless you!”—whilst every hat was doffed, and every heart was full. It was a scene to be felt, but not described.