

To His Excellency Sir Charles Bagot
Governor General &c, &c

May it please Your Excellency,

We the loyal Inhabitants of the Townships of Georgina, North Guillemburg, and Brock, have taken an opportunity of performing a sacred duty, which we owe to Your Excellency, to ourselves and to our Country, by thus directly expressing to Your Excellency our unqualified approval of the course pursued by you with respect to the administration of the Government of this Province.

When we consider the peculiarity of Your Excellency's position, and the many difficulties you necessarily had to encounter we have reason to be grateful to that God that endowed you with a mind capable of surmounting and abating such difficulties, and that implanted in your bosom principles of Justice and magnanimity far above the reach of prejudice and corruption.

We cannot do our feelings adequate justice in expressing the extent of our appreciation of that system of government so long sought by the people

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of this Province, and of our gratitude to Your
Excellency by whom it was established, nor
can we contemplate otherwise than with
heartfelt satisfaction, and the highest sense
of Your Excellency's wisdom and justice
that policy which actuated you to call to
your aid in the administration of the Govern-
ment man of so great influence, integrity
and ability as constitute the Executive Council,
and particularly The Honorable Messrs
Maldwin and La Fontaine who have
deservedly gained the universal esteem and
unlimited confidence of the people, thus
manifesting the laudable intention of
extending equal justice to all without
distinction or regard to origin or political
or religious opinions, and effecting a
unity of interest between the people of
Canada, East and West, a circumstance
which cannot fail to be advantageous
and is inseparably connected with the
harmonious progress and stability of the
Government and the welfare and
prosperity of the Colony. —

We are however aware that the
present happy system does not har-
monize with the views of a certain
class whose selfish motives we need not

descent

on, for of which Your Excellency is by no means ignorant; and we are not satisfied that the non-approval of such cannot alter your preconceived ideas of justice to Canada, nor operate to influence Your mind in prejudice of the course you so judiciously adopted. — It is a course approved of by the great Majority of the People: — It is approved of by Our beloved Sovereign and Her Government, and the God of Nature and of Hosts approves of a course calculated to diffuse the blessings of Civil and Religious Liberty. —

Your Excellency has established a precedent the principles of which will be handed down to succeeding generations, to be by them cherished as worthy the imitation of succeeding Governors: — When then in that case as now under such rights as the British Constitution guarantees to British Subjects, and which we now enjoy, we are confident the people of Canada will think it their greatest pride to remain the loyal subjects of Great Britain, and to maintain that Constitution and the honor of the British Nation.

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This happy result Your Excellency has succeeded in bringing about, and we earnestly pray that Heaven may preserve Your health, to continue with Us as Her Majesty's Representative and to enjoy the happiness which You have promoted. — And when after a long series of years spent in the service of your Country you feel disposed to retire from public life, accompanied by the blessings of a grateful people, who acknowledge you their benefactor — rewarded by your Sovereign with merited honors, may you enjoy that sweet repose in the bosom of your family, to which a conscientious discharge of your public duty so richly entitles you. —

Georgina, 20th Jan'y. 1843.

Wm. Johnson. D. C. G.

(and 28th others)

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