

ADDRESS

Of the Inhabitants of Fredericton to the 33rd Regiment on its departure from this City.

On Saturday last, a number of the Gentry and leading Inhabitants of this City, among whom were Judge Street, the Honorable George Shore and J. S. Saunders; Lieutenant Colonel Hayne, and a number of the Magistrates, accompanied by several Members of both Houses of the Legislature, waited upon the Officers of the Regiment at their Mess Room in the Barracks at Fredericton, when His Honor Judge Street addressed them as follows:—

"Major Blake, and Gentlemen of the 33rd Regiment, we wait upon you on behalf of ourselves and the Inhabitants generally of Fredericton, to present you with an Address, expressive of our deep regret at your leaving us, and of our high esteem for the Regiment; and I beg you to believe that the sentiments embodied in the Address which I hold in my hand, are not merely those of the subscribers thereto, but of the inhabitants at large of this City, a much more numerous body of which would have added their names thereto, had time and opportunity have admitted of its being sent round to them for that purpose."

The Judge then read the following Address:—

To Major Blake, Commanding Her Majesty's 33rd Regiment of Foot, at Fredericton, and the Officers of the Regiment there stationed:

GENTLEMEN,

Having been informed that your highly distinguished Regiment is about leaving this station in the course of a few days, we feel it incumbent on us, as an act of justice on the part of ourselves and the other inhabitants of the City of Fredericton, to express to you the high sense we entertain of the orderly and excellent conduct of the Regiment, generally, during the few years it has been stationed among us.

We are well aware, that in a Regiment of Soldiers, composed as they generally are of men of various characters and dispositions, some of whom must be prone to unruly conduct, and especially so when exposed to temptation in a town like this, where ardent spirits are easily obtained, many irregularities among them may naturally be expected; but we are happy in being able to bear testimony, that seldom, if ever, have we had a Regiment among us in which fewer instances of misconduct have occurred. This, of itself, is evidence of the highest kind, not only of the strict attention on the part of the Officers in keeping up proper discipline, but also of the general good disposition and orderly conduct of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of your Corps.

We have also great pleasure in bearing our testimony to the readiness and alacrity with which you and the men under your command rendered to the inhabitants every assistance in your power in cases of fire, and on every other occasion where your services could be useful, for which we sincerely thank you all.

As regards yourselves individually, including Colonel Whannel and the Officers who have from time to time been here with the Regiment, we feel the strongest sentiments of friendship and regard. You have all mixed with the society of this place in such a true spirit of friendly intercourse, and have so exerted yourselves to promote social enjoyments and good feeling in the community, as to ensure our lasting friendship and best wishes.

Your Regiment stands too high in character and renown for bravery and distinguished merit in Her Majesty's service, to admit of any attempt, by observations of ours, to add to it; but it cannot, we conceive, but be gratifying to any body of men, be they stationed where they may, to know, on leaving that station, that they carry with them the warm feelings of friendship and esteem of those among whom they have lived and associated for several years; and this we can assure you in all sincerity, you do.

We have only to add, that we beg you will make these our sentiments known to Lieutenant Colonel Whannel and the other Officers not now present, but to whom we have the pleasure of being known; and also to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Regiment.

We part from you with sincere regret; but the duties of Her Majesty's service having required you to proceed to another region of Her dominions, we can only bid you a kind farewell, and assure you that you will bear with you the best wishes of our hearts for your health, happiness, and prosperity, into whatever quarter of the globe you may go.

To which Major Blake made the following Reply:—

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to assure you, that the Address which we have just had the honor of receiving, has afforded extreme gratification to my brother Officers and myself.

The high terms in which you speak of the conduct of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 33rd Regiment is peculiarly gratifying.

Had Colonel Whannel and the other Officers of the Regiment,

from time to time stationed at Fredericton, been now here, we are convinced that they would sympathize in the feeling which prompts us now to offer to you our heartfelt thanks for the kindly disposition and genuine hospitality which you have so invariably manifested towards us during the whole time of our residence in this City, and we are particularly glad of this opportunity of expressing to you how warmly we return those sentiments of lasting friendship and sincere regard which you have impressed upon our hearts, not by words alone, but by the kind and ever ready welcome with which you have received us into your social circle.

The expression of your regret at our departure, and your cordial good wishes for our future welfare, give us an additional proof of the esteem and friendly interest with which you regard us, and for ourselves I can say, with simple truth, that we can never forget the many happy days that we have passed among you.

Although the prospect of returning home, and of once more seeing our nearest and dearest relations, must naturally be most cheering, yet we cannot but feel that the sorrows of the present overshadow the anticipations of the future, and to dispel the gloom we must look forward to the happiness we hope to enjoy in welcoming to Old England many of the kind friends whom we shall so soon leave behind us.

Be assured then, Gentlemen, that the kindest wishes for the happiness and prosperity of you and yours will be ever entertained by all those in whose name I now bid you farewell, and for whom I beg to subscribe myself

Your very faithful and truly obliged servant,

F. R. BLAKE, Major 33rd Regt.

ADDRESS

To His Honor James Carter, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

We, the undersigned Magistrates, Grand Jurors, and other inhabitants of Queen's County, with much satisfaction avail ourselves of the favourable opportunity afforded by your Honor's present visit to this County, to express the high opinion entertained by us, in common with the other portions of the Province, for the distinguished public services rendered by your Honor, in your high station as one of the Judges of this favoured portion of Her Majesty's dominions, and in which we have so largely participated. The zeal, impartiality and independence which your Honor has at all times so conspicuously evinced in the discharge of the high and responsible duties entrusted to your care by our Most Gracious Sovereign, claim at our hands this public acknowledgement, of which we now most sincerely ask your kind acceptance.

Having understood that it is your Honor's intention, in a short time, to revisit the land of your nativity, our Mother Country, we cannot permit you, in that event, to leave our shores without offering some small tribute of respect, which we feel to be so justly your due, and the assurance that you will carry with you our best wishes for a prosperous voyage across the Atlantic, and a happy meeting with your friends after so long an absence, and that you may be spared to return to us again to resume the duties of your high office.

Gagetown, 9th March, 1843.

SAMUEL SCOVIL, J. C. P.

HARRY PETERS, J. C. P.

WILLIAM FOSHAY, J. C. P.

By request and behalf of the Magistrates.

RICHARD HEWLETT, Foreman.

By request and behalf of the Grand Jury.

To which His Honor was pleased to make the following Reply:—

GENTLEMEN,

I can assure you, with perfect sincerity, that few things could have been more unexpected by me than the kind and public expression of your good feeling towards me contained in this Address, though I should be most ungrateful did I not freely acknowledge that, from my earliest residence in this Province, I have personally met with uninterrupted consideration and kindness from you and the inhabitants of the Province generally.

I am not vain enough to feel satisfied that I entirely deserve the opinion you have expressed of my services, but I know that I have endeavoured to discharge my duties faithfully, and I am vain enough to be gratified at the expression of your approval of the manner in which those duties have been performed.

I came to this Province, now nearly fourteen years ago, a perfect stranger, but I very soon lost the feelings of a stranger; and now, independently of my own personal feelings, I have ties around me which must ever bind me most strongly to this Country.

It is my hope shortly to visit my native land, and should Providence permit me, after a short absence, once more to resume my duties among you, I shall come back to these shores with that full gladness of heart which every one must feel in returning to his home.

J. CARTER.

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