

Northumberland, beg leave to extend to Your Excellency a cordial welcome to this County, and we rejoice that the presence of Her Majesty's Representative affords us another opportunity of expressing our continued attachment and devotion to our beloved Queen.

We hail the present tour of Your Excellency through the Province as a proof of the interest Your Excellency takes in the welfare and prosperity of its inhabitants, and of your determination to become personally acquainted with the various resources of the country.

The depressed state of all branches of trade and commerce, is deeply to be regretted, but we trust that an early termination of the disastrous and fratricidal war now raging in the neighbouring Republic, may bring renewed activity and prosperity to all our commercial and industrial pursuits.

We assure Your Excellency that you carry with you the best wishes of the inhabitants of Northumberland, and their earnest hope that your administration of the Government may prove as satisfactory to Your Excellency, as they doubt not it will be beneficial to the Province.

#### REPLY.

Mr. High Sheriff, and Gentlemen,

I thank you for the welcome you have just now tendered to me, on behalf of the inhabitants of this large and important County.

I thank you yet more for your expression of loyal attachment to your Sovereign. I entertain no doubt that the same spirit of devotion towards the person of the Queen, and of filial feeling towards the Mother Country, which I have found to pervade the other Counties which I have visited, prevails equally among the people of Northumberland. I regret with you the depressed condition of trade and commerce, from whatever causes it may arise. I trust, however, that this depression will prove to be of but temporary duration, and that we may yet behold the magnificent River which flows past this Town, the highway of an active and prosperous traffic.

I am grateful for your good wishes. Should I be enabled during the period of my government to contribute in any degree towards the carrying out of measures calculated to promote the prosperity of the Province and the happiness of its people, my residence in New Brunswick cannot fail to afford me cause for the most lively satisfaction.

From the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of the County of Kent.

To His Excellency The Honorable Arthur Hamilton Gordon, C.M.G.  
Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the Magistrates and other inhabitants of the County of Kent, beg leave to tender to Your Excellency, our cordial welcome on this your first visit to this County.

The strong attachment which we, in common with the whole population of the Province, feel toward our beloved Queen, would under any circumstances secure for Her Representative our profound regard, but in Your Excellency's case, that regard is heightened by the selection, for the high office now filled by Your Excellency, of the son of a Nobleman, who, during a long public life, so ably and faithfully served his Sovereign and his Country, in the discharge of the various and arduous duties which devolved on him as a Minister of the Crown.

While the Civil War now raging in the neighbouring States among a people so intimately connected with us by common descent and commercial relations, is to us a source of deep regret; its tendency has been to bind us more closely to the Parent State, and to strengthen our attachment to the glorious constitution under which it is our happiness to live, and under which we enjoy, with profound tranquillity, so large an amount of personal and political freedom.

Although in common with other parts of the Province this County is suffering from commercial depression, Your Excellency will derive pleasure from the cheering prospect that this will be in a great measure alleviated by an abundant harvest.

That Your Excellency has taken so early an opportunity to visit the remote parts of your Government, with the view of becoming personally acquainted with its circumstances, is to us a convincing proof of your earnest desire to promote

its prosperity; and our hope and prayer is, that under Your Excellency's Administration, you will have the pleasing satisfaction of witnessing a rapid progress in all the varied interests of this highly favoured Province.

#### REPLY.

Mr. High Sheriff, and Gentlemen,

I thank you for the heartiness of your welcome to the County of Kent.

In my journey through the Province, I have everywhere been met by assurances of loyalty to the Queen, of attachment to Great Britain, and of respect for the office which I fill. I trust that these sentiments may long prevail among you, and prove the tone of public opinion through many succeeding generations.

Whilst we deplore the sad and cruel war which desolates the neighbouring Republic, and spreads ruin among a people allied to us in race, language, and religion; whilst we ourselves suffer severely from the baneful effects of this struggle upon trade and commerce, it is yet satisfactory to learn that the spectacle has led the people of the British Provinces to appreciate, even more justly than before, the blessings which they derive from their connection with the Empire of which they form a part.

I rejoice to learn that an abundant harvest is likely in some measure to alleviate the results which the depressed condition of trade might have been calculated to produce.

As the Representative of your Sovereign, I have everywhere been met by a warm and respectful greeting; but I receive yours with peculiar pleasure, for it tells me that the services of a long life spent in unselfish devotion to the discharge of every duty, whether belonging to great station or high place in public life, are remembered in this Province.

To me no welcome can be so grateful as that which is accorded to me for my father's sake. For many years I have been the close witness of his entire freedom from personal or party passions, his perfect justice, and his magnanimous forbearance; and to carry into action the lessons taught by his wisdom and experience, must be my highest aim in the administration of the Government committed to me by the Queen.

From the Richibucto Company of Militia Volunteers.

To His Excellency The Honorable Arthur Hamilton Gordon, C.M.G.  
Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Richibucto Company of Militia Volunteers, beg leave to approach Your Excellency, to welcome you on this your first visit to this part of the Province, over the Militia Force of which it has pleased our beloved Queen to appoint you Commander in Chief.

Having had but little opportunity for drill and exercise, we need hardly offer an apology to Your Excellency for the unsoldierlike appearance we unavoidably present, our arms having just come to hand, and being still without uniform.

The zeal manifested by Your Excellency in the Volunteer movement, both at Home and in this Country, is to us a guarantee that, under Your Excellency's auspices, the Volunteers of the Province will ere long form an important auxiliary to the regular Army.

We cannot on this occasion refrain from expressing to Your Excellency our gratitude for the liberal manner in which we have been supplied with arms and accoutrements, and also with so efficient a Drill Sergeant, without whose assistance and instructions our own most zealous exertions would avail nothing.

Ever loyal to our Queen and Country, and thankful that we live under the ægis of the British Constitution, we beg leave to assure Your Excellency that no exertions on our part shall be wanting to preserve for ourselves, and transmit as the best legacy to our children, those principles which we have inherited from our fathers, and which have made Britain great; and should our services ever be required in defence of our homes and firesides, we trust that we shall not be found unworthy of the noble Title we have assumed.

Signed on behalf of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men,

C. J. SAYRE, Captain.