

## REPLY.

Gentlemen,—

I thank you for your Address and for your welcome, and I learn with much satisfaction that the spirit of loyalty to the Queen, and of attachment to the Mother Country which distinguishes this Province, is fully shared by you. I at all times derive a lively pleasure from my visits to the different districts of the Province, but this pleasure has been heightened in the present instance by the flourishing and active appearance of your Town, which presents an air of comfort and neatness, certainly unsurpassed in any other part of the Province.

I am well acquainted with the exceptional peculiarities of your local position, and you may rest assured that there is an anxious desire on my part to afford you the means of availing yourselves to the full extent of its advantages, provided this can be done consistently with the general policy of Great Britain, and without injury to other localities of the Province.

Situated as Saint Stephen is, you have it in your power to render essential service not only to this Province, but to the great Empire of which it forms a part, by the maintenance of those friendly relations which ought to exist between the subjects of two neighbouring States, sprung from the same race, speaking the same language, and bound together by so many and such varied ties, both moral and material.

An angry or quarrelsome spirit existing between yourselves and those dwelling on the opposite bank, might seriously add to the embarrassments of the Imperial Government. I rejoice therefore to learn that, whilst you are not insensible to your privileges as British subjects, and not unmindful of the allegiance you owe your Sovereign, the most perfect goodwill and harmony exists between yourselves and your neighbours. This is not inconsistent with a rigid abstinence from all interference in the unhappy strife which now rages, and an active participation in which, by British subjects, on either side, is not only a flagrant act of disobedience to Her Majesty's commands, but also a violation of law, which renders the offender liable to serious penalties.

I have now passed through every district of the Province, and, with a few exceptions, my course of official visits is now well-nigh closed. I have in all parts witnessed the expression of loyal devotion to the Queen, of respect to the office which I fill, and of content and satisfaction with the institutions under which you live. I can hardly take a more fitting opportunity of again expressing my deep interest in the welfare of the Province over which I have been called to preside. A full measure of self-government has been freely conceded to you. You cannot too carefully or too constantly remember that on yourselves—on your own vigilance or sloth—in the amount of interest or apathy which you display—the satisfactory regulation of public affairs depends. It would, I hold, be wholly inconsistent with the proper discharge of the duties of the office which I fill, were I to interfere largely in the management of your local affairs, or to meddle at all in the political struggles of the day. But there are many matters, neither unimportant nor uninteresting, which are without the sphere of politics; and should the necessary absence on my part of all local partisanship, and of all personal preferences, enable me at any time to be of service to New Brunswick, I shall rejoice to believe that I have not deserved to forfeit the kindly feeling which has been displayed towards me by its people.

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

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 others, inhabitants of the County of Albert, beg leave to tender to Your Excellency our respects and hearty welcome on this your first visit to the County of Albert.

We gladly embrace this opportunity of expressing our loyalty and attachment to the person and government of our beloved Queen.

We deplore the unhappy state of warfare that is now devastating the neighbouring States of North America, and

whilst doing so, are led to feel that we cannot too highly appreciate the manifold blessings derived from our connection with the British Empire.

Your Excellency's visit affords us much pleasure, prompted as we are persuaded it is by a desire to be made fully acquainted with the resources and requirements of every section of the Province over which Her most gracious Majesty the Queen has commissioned you to preside.

We have full confidence that Your Excellency will, in the exercise of your high office, use every endeavour to promote the general happiness and prosperity of the Province.

Be pleased to receive our best wishes for Your Excellency's health and happiness.

June 18th, 1863.

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Mr. High Sheriff, and Gentlemen,—

I thank you for your Address, and for your welcome to the County of Albert, which, although one of small size, is, owing to the value of its mineral and agricultural resources, by no means one of the least important districts in the Province of New Brunswick.

I receive with satisfaction your assurances of loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty's Person and Throne. I have received similar assurances from all other parts of the Province, and I rejoice to believe that they are heart-felt and sincere.

Whilst with you I deplore the unhappy conflict now raging in the United States, I cannot but experience satisfaction in learning that it has led you to appreciate even more highly than you did before, the many benefits you enjoy as subjects of the British Crown.

I thank you for your kind wishes with regard to myself personally. My stay in New Brunswick cannot fail to be satisfactory to me if I am enabled before its close in any manner to promote the progress and welfare of the Province.

From the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of Elgin.

To His Excellency The Honorable Arthur Hamilton Gordon, C.M.G.  
Lieutenant Governor, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the Magistrates and other inhabitants of Elgin, are gratified with this opportunity of extending to Your Excellency a cordial welcome.

The honor of this the first visit by the Representative of Her most gracious Majesty our beloved Queen, and by one connected with such a distinguished family, is not the less appreciated by us because unexpected. Your Excellency may not notice here those indications of wealth and material advancement which are discernable in the older districts of the Province, and though we are now subjected to all the labours and difficulties generally connected with a newly settled place, yet we have considerable confidence in the natural resources of the district.

We assure Your Excellency that the loyalty and attachment to the Queen so manifest in other sections of this Province, is universally enjoyed here.

Accept our best wishes for Your Excellency's continued prosperity.

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Gentlemen,—

I thank you for your Address, and for the kind wishes it conveys.

My short visit to Elgin has afforded me the most sincere satisfaction, and I have been greatly struck by the agricultural capabilities and natural beauty of the district.

Accept my hearty good wishes for your continued and increased prosperity. I trust that with the blessing of Providence you will, before long, occupy a position inferior to that of no other Parish in this County.

## MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS, FREDERICTON, 30th June, 1863.

No. 20.

COMMISSION Signed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief:—

*Queen's New Brunswick Rangers.*

John Evans, late Lieutenant 38th Regt., to be Captain, 20th December, 1862.