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BY AUTHORITY.

By The Honorable LEMUEL ALLAN WILMOT,
D. C. L., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.



L. A. WILMOT.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday the eighth day of July instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly to Thursday the nineteenth day of August next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine, and in the thirty third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command of the Lieutenant Governor.

JOHN A. BECKWITH.

At the late Meeting of THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION held at Jemseg, Queen's County, an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was agreed upon, which was presented to His Excellency at Government House on the 14th instant, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Honorable L. A. WILMOT, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Ministers and Members of the New Brunswick Baptist Association, convened at Jemseg, desire to tender to Your Excellency their sincere congratulations upon your appointment to the office of Lieutenant Governor of this your native Province.

Although they are not associated with you by the ties of denominational relationship, they rejoice in the thought that they are united with you in the far higher and more sacred bonds of allegiance to the same Lord, and of consecration to the same service of faith and holiness; and they recall with pleasure the fact, that for many years your honoured father, long a member of their body, was ready to co-operate with them in every good work.

They would not forget the obligation they are under to you for your advocacy of their claim to religious equality, and to the enjoyment of educational privileges without any distinction of sect or party. To yourself, in conjunction with other advocates of the principles of freedom, they are indebted for securing the recognition, by the Legislature, of their right to receive Provincial aid for services rendered to the State by the education of the young; and now that the principle of equality has been firmly established, they would not be unmindful of the struggle by which that result was secured; and before the generation, which remembers that struggle, passes away, they rejoice in the opportunity of placing upon record their feelings of gratitude to you for the share you took in bringing about the existing state of things.

They also desire to express their appreciation of the changes effected in the Provincial University, the wisdom of which is evinced by the degree of prosperity which that Institution has of late enjoyed.

They trust that Your Excellency will be encouraged in the prosecution of the same liberal and enlightened course of procedure during your tenure of the high office with which you

have been invested; and their fervent prayer will ever be, that yourself and Mrs. Wilmot may through life enjoy the blessing of the Most High, and in the world to come inherit everlasting glory.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Association.

W. A. COREY, Moderator.

J. M. CURREY, Clerk.

Jemseg, July 9th, 1869.

To which the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to make the following

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—It is especially gratifying to me to receive the truly fraternal congratulations of your "Association," and I thank you for them.

My heart responds to your claim of a higher relationship than that which is merely denominational. Divisional lines and marks may serve the purpose of a more complete sectional organization, but they give no material strength in the hour of conflict.

Glorious have been the victories won by your church in the various parts of the world, but they were won by you as a part of "the militant embodied Host," "not by might nor by power," but by the aid of the Holy Spirit.

I have some very agreeable memories of happy seasons, when in my early youth I attended with my honored father the ministrations of Harding, and Harris, and Dunbar, in the old Baptist Church of this City; and from that time to the present I have numbered among my most sincere friends many members of your communion.

We all have reason to be thankful for our civil and religious liberty. It was not without a struggle that the present state of religious equality was established in this Province, and I thank you for your very favourable notice of the part which I bore in assisting to bring about the present state of things; but we are as much indebted for the result to our invaluable Representative Institutions as to the personal efforts of any individual, and when constitutional government was once inaugurated our victory was complete. Without an improper departure from the spirit of the occasion, may I not express to you my opinion that we have, under God, a magnificent future before us, worthy of the greatest efforts of the British American mind.

Shall we by loyalty to our country, and a wise administration of our government lay the foundation of a future Empire, exalted by righteousness, inflexible in its justice, strong in the affections of the people, and living in all good neighborhood with our friends beside us, only emulous to excel each other in the amenities and courtesies of national intercourse, and in the cultivation of all that can exalt and refine the national character, sedulously developing our boundless resources of wealth, and opening from ocean to ocean another highway for commerce and civilization, or shall we prove to be laggards, and so lost to every feeling of national pride and self-reliance as to be unfaithful to our great trust, and allow our birthright to pass into other hands? Let us one and all resolve to be true to our country.

Next to the cause of Christianity, which must ever stand foremost as the noblest which can occupy the mind, and employ the talents of man, is that of Education. We want intellectual culture and moral refinement—the education which combines greatness and goodness. It was truly said by one of the old English divines that "Many that are well learned are ill taught, have a good head and a bad heart. Learning and virtue are excellent company, but they do not always meet." As the public mind of this Province is now being directed towards the question of popular education, most sincerely and earnestly do I ask the aid of your influential body in the good cause, and may it soon be said of our Province that "there is a School for every child, and that every child fit to be taught is at School."

We cannot afford to be indifferent on this great question; and in order to the future supply of our higher institutions of learning we must complete and keep in successful operation a thorough system of preparatory Schools.

It is my good fortune to be associated with constitutional advisers who are of one mind on this great subject, and who are well inclined to do all they can for the education of the youth of the country.