

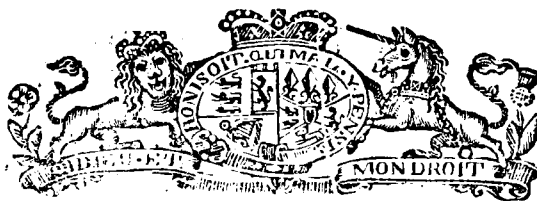
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O F
H I S E X C E L L E N C Y
JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE, Esq;

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.
UPON OPENING THE FIRST SESSION
of the Legislature of the said Province.

WITH
The respective *Addresses* of both *Houses* thereupon.

AND
H I S E X C E L L E N C Y ' S A N S W E R S .

LIKEWISE -
H I S E X C E L L E N C Y ' S S P E E C H ,
Upon Proroguing the said Session of the Legislature.



BY AUTHORITY.

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S P E E C H
OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE, Esquire,
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.
UPON OPENING THE FIRST SESSION
of the Legislature of the said Province.
Tuesday, the 18th. September, 1792.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AND
GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.



I have summoned you together, under the Authority of an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the last Year, which has Established the British Constitution, and all the forms which secure, and maintain it, in this distant Country.

The Wisdom and Beneficence of Our Most Gracious Sovereign, and the British Parliament, have been eminently proved, not only in imparting to us the same form of Government; but also in securing the benefit, by the many Provisions that guard this memorable Act: so that the blessings of our invaluable Constitution thus protected, and amplified, we may hope, will be extended to the remotest Posterity.

The great and momentous Trusts and Duties which have been committed to the Representatives of this Province, in a degree infinitely beyond whatever, 'till this Period, have distinguished any other Colony, have originated from the British Nation upon a just consideration of the Energy, and Hazard, with which its Inhabitants have so conspicuously supported and defended the British Constitution.

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It is from the same Patriotism, now called upon to exercise with due deliberation, and foresight, the various offices of Civil administration, that your fellow Subjects of the British Empire expect the Foundations of that Union of Industry and Wealth, of Commerce and Power, which may last through all succeeding ages.

The natural Advantages of the Province of Upper Canada, are inferior to none on this side of the Atlantic; there can be no separate Interest through its whole extent; the British form of Government has prepared the way for its speedy Colonization and, I trust, that your fostering care will improve the favorable situation, and that a numerous, and agricultural People will speedily take possession of a Soil, and Climate, which under the British Laws, and the Munificence with which His Majesty has granted the Lands of the Crown, offer such manifest, and peculiar Encouragements.

THE ADDRESS

OF THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
of the Province of Upper Canada, in Answer to
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Speech,
upon opening the first *Session of the Legislature* of the said Province
Wednesday, the 19th. September, 1792.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY
JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE, Esquire,
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

TO permit the Legislative Council to express their congratulations to your Excellency upon your arrival in this Province, and taking upon yourself the Superintendence of Affairs; and also to offer their dutiful acknowledgments to his Majesty for having appointed a Character of such tried Loyalty, and known Attachment to the
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the British Constitution, and all the forms which secure and maintain it, to represent his Authority upon the first Establishment of this Province.

We acknowledge, with Admiration and Gratitude, that the Wisdom and Beneficence of Our Most Gracious Sovereign, and the British Parliament, have been eminently proved; not only in imparting to us the same form of Government; but also in securing the benefit by the many Provisions that guard this memorable Act; so that the Blessings of our invaluable Constitution thus protected, and amplified, we may hope, will be extended to the remotest Posterity.

We are gratified in being apprized that the great and momentous Trusts, and Duties, which have been committed to the Representatives of this Province, in a degree infinitely beyond whatever, 'till this Period, have distinguished any other Colony, have originated from the British Nation, upon a just consideration of the Energy and Hazard with which its Inhabitants have so conspicuously supported, and defended the British Constitution.

We hope to exert the same Spirit of Patriotism in the various Offices of Civil Administration; and that our fellow Subjects of the British Empire may not be disappointed in their Expectations of that Union of Industry and Wealth, of Commerce and Power, which may last through all succeeding ages.

We hope that the experience of future years will shew that the natural advantages of the Province of Upper Canada are inferior to none on this side of the Atlantic; and that there can be no separate Interest through its whole extent. The British form of Government having prepared the way for its speedy Colonization, we persuade ourselves that our fostering care will improve the favorable situation, and that a numerous and agricultural people will speedily take possession of a Soil and Climate, which under the British Laws, and the Munificence with which His Majesty has granted the Lands of the Crown, offer such manifest, and peculiar Advantages.

WILLIAM OSGOODE, SPEAKER.

TO WHICH
HIS EXCELLENCY
was pleased to Return the following ANSWER.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN,

THE Sentiments of Duty to His Majesty, and Attachment to the British Constitution, which you have expressed, give me the most sincere satisfaction.

I beg leave to return my Thanks for your Congratulations on my Arrival to take upon me the Government of the Province, and for the obliging manner in which you have expressed them.

THE ADDRESS
OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
of the Province of Upper Canada, in Answer to
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Speech
upon opening the first Session of the Legislature.
Wednesday, the 19th. September, 1792.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY
JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE, Esquire,
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE the Representatives of the Commons of the Province of Upper Canada, in general Assembly convened, most sensibly flattered by the strong Testimony of His Majesty's paternal Tenderness for this New Province in the choice he has graciously been pleased to make of your Excellency to preside over it's infant Progress, beg leave to congratulate your Excellency, as we do ourselves, upon so distinguished a mark of the Royal Favor. We anticipate the personal satisfaction of all His Majesty's Loyal Subjects, in this extended Settlement, in finding their political Interests, and military Protection, confided to the United Characters

Characters of a British Senator, and Soldier. And we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that our personal Endeavors shall not be wanting to render the satisfaction mutual, if it may depend on a steady, and uniform support of every measure which shall tend to strengthen our Union with the parent Kingdom, and add our mite to its Splendor, and Glory.

J. M'DONELL, SPEAKER.

TO WHICH
HIS EXCELLENCY
was pleased to make the following ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

I Am much gratified by the Expressions of Loyalty to His Majesty's Government contained in your Answer to my Speech, and am highly obliged in the confidence, which you repose in my Appointment to the Administration of the Government of Upper Canada.

S P E E C H
OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE, Esquire,
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.
UPON PROROGUING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY.

Monday, the 15th. October, 1792.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AND

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

IT is with very great Satisfaction that I have considered the Acts which you have found expedient to frame, and to which, in consequence of the Power delegated to me, I have this day given my assent that they shall become Laws of the Province of Upper Canada. As

As the Division which His Majesty, in his Wisdom, thought proper to make of the late Province of Quebec, obviated all Inconveniences, and laid the foundation for the Establishment of the English Laws in this Province, it is natural to presume that you would seize the first opportunity to impart that benefit to your fellow Subjects, and by the Act to establish Trials by Jury, and by that which makes the English Law the Rule of Decision in all Matters of Controversy relative to Property and civil Rights, you have fully justified the public Expectation. Your other Acts seem calculated to promote the general Welfare, and convenience of the Province.

His Majesty, in his Benevolence, having directed a seventh from such Lands as shall be granted to be reserved to the Crown, for the public Benefit, it will become my Duty to take those measures which shall appear to be necessary to fulfill His Majesty's Gracious Intentions, and I make no doubt but that as Citizens and Magistrates, you will give every assistance, in your power, to carry into full effect a System from which the Public, and Posterity, must derive such peculiar advantages.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN, *and*
GENTLEMEN,

I Cannot dismiss you without earnestly desiring you to promote by Precept, and Example, among your respective Counties, the regular habits of Piety, and Morality; the surest foundations of all Private, and public felicity; and at this juncture, I particularly recommend to you to explain, that this Province is singularly blest, not with a mutilated Constitution, but with a Constitution which has stood the test of Experience, and is the very Image, and Transcript of that of Great Britain, by which she has long established and secured to her Subjects as much Freedom and Happiness as is possible to be enjoyed, under the subordination necessary to civilized Society.

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