

ADDRESS TO LORD DUFFERIN.

To the Right Honorable Sir FREDERICK TEMPLE, Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye in the County Down in the Peerage of the United Kingdom Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General of Canada.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, respectfully beg leave to approach your Excellency, to express our gratification at your assumption of the government of this Dominion.

The cordial welcome which greeted your Excellency upon your arrival in the country, as well as the hearty reception everywhere accorded, will have convinced your Excellency of the loyal devotion cherished by the people of Canada towards our Most Gracious Sovereign, and of the gratitude they feel to Her Majesty for appointing as Her Representative in the Dominion so eminent a statesman and so accomplished a scholar.

It is the earnest hope of this Assembly that your Excellency may be enabled at no remote period to honor this the youngest and most distant Province of the Dominion with your presence; and we feel assured that a no less hearty and loyal welcome awaits your Excellency on the shores of the Pacific than has been extended by the Atlantic Provinces.

That your Excellency's residence in this young British Empire may prove agreeable to you personally, and that your Excellency's administration may be peaceful and eminently conducive to the moral and material prosperity of the country and wellbeing of the people, is the heartfelt wish and earnest prayer of this Assembly.

JAMES TRIMBLE,

Speaker.