

To His Excellency Major General Sir Peregrine
Maitland, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada
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The Petition of the Undersigned Inhabitants
of the Township of Ernest Town

Humbly Sheweth,

That the undersigned Inhabitants
of the Township of Ernest Town have perused with deep
regret that part of your Excellency's speech to the Parlia-
ment of Upper Canada wherein it is said "you will, I
doubt not, feel a just indignation at the attempts which
have been made to excite discontent, and to organize
sedition, &c." and it is with shame as well as with regret, they
have perceived that the Commons House of Assembly have not
only confirmed these sentiments but descended to launch out
wanton and invidious reflections against an innocent individual.

The undersigned believe that your
Excellency has been grossly deceived as to the discontent
which exists in Upper Canada, and very ill informed as to
any attempt to organize sedition: but they are sorry to think
that the reply of the Commons can plead no such excuse.

The undersigned do not deny that
discontent exists: but they speak with a determination which
is unalterable in saying that there has been much cause
for discontent. As to sedition, the very idea is groundless:
yet if it did exist, the Courts of Law are open for its
prosecution. They have seen an Individual prosecuted, may
persecuted, by the present ministry under the plea of pro-
moting sedition and libelling Government: but twice has this
Individual been honorably acquitted, and far are they from
thinking that any new Statute is necessary to circumscribe
the liberty of the subject. The organization which has been
formed

found in this Province is such, as, when properly considered, must excite admiration. It manifests a spirit of order and peace. It proves that the People of Upper Canada are advanced in the progress of civilization and above the mobbish habits of European nations. It shews that they possess the most valuable knowledge how to redeem their political affairs when sunk in the slough of confusion and pressed down by the weight of installed power.

The Undersigned wish to see no other Organization save that of the regularly constituted authorities, if these would perform their duty; but they have intrusted their present parliamentary Representatives the third time in succession without even the appearance of beneficial result. Twice did these Representatives propose an enquiry into the state of the Province: - twice were they ignominiously dismissed in the midst of weighty considerations; and twice have they returned only to display grovelling sentiments and temporising acts. The late organization of the People never had but one object - that of enquiry and the appointment of a Commission to go home to England with a Petition to the Throne that the same may be made effectual. The accomplishment of this object constitutes the most earnest desire of the undersigned; and if this object is not speedily obtained, through the manly endeavors of the Present Parliament they most fervently pray that Your Excellency will forthwith dissolve it, and issue writs for the assembly of men who may represent more faithfully the wishes, and more ably perform the business, of their constituents -

James Perry
 John
 J. Goff
 David Hancock
 Henry Barker
 Jacob Zimmerman
 Nathan Bellows

Andrew Maud
 Peter Garry
 David Lawley
 Robert Perry
 Henry Campbell
 John Bristol
 James H. Chapman
 Samuel Scott
 Rufus Shove

Daniel Johnston
 Thaddeus DeLoach
 Andrew Dick
 Benjamin Lane
 Thos. Shanks Junr
 Lewis Hicks
 Joseph Shatterson
 John Davy
 Edward Lu
 William Hawley
 Levi Lee
 George Van Cottenburg
 John Stone
 John Lake
 Luis Hix
 Gilbert Hornes

Jacob Vandine
 Jacobson Clark
 Elisha Switzer
 Phil Hawley
 John Johnston
 Bavaria Galick
 Timothy Chapman
 Jacob Corner
 Daniel Dexter

Joseph Lee
 James Lake
 John C. Clark
 George Baker
 Daniel Johns
 Benj. Hicks
 George

Job Trickett
 Wm. Cotton
 William Fairfield
 Lewis Daly
 Benjamin Sablury
 John Lake
 Caleb Garrison
 David Fairfield
 William Lamb
 Abel P. Howard

