

Montreal 4<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1822

My Dear Sir.

Your favour of the 30<sup>th</sup> is now before me - I am very happy to find the Petition is under signature - Mr. Moffatt has enclosed me the ~~letter~~ letter you will find herein addressed to Mr. Smith of the River du Chêne - who will in consequence I dare say forward the Petition to Chatham - I saw Joseph Fortune the Surveyor this Morning in Town - He will assist all in his power to expedite the business - I wish really, Jacob and William Hallwell would go through with it I will cheerfully bear a proportion of the Expense if they both or one of them will proceed with it all the way to Chatham, and have the needful done & ~~bring~~ bring the Petition in a clean condition to this place - it will afterwards be sent to La Commission and Berthier by the Committee here - By the By Mr. Stuart will be the Bearer of the whole to the King & Imperial Parliament - The Committee here wish much for a Copy of yours to be sent to W<sup>th</sup> Henry - Indeed, I mentioned to them that I expected a Copy from you -

Yrs most truly

H. Mackenzie

Jacob Odham Esq<sup>r</sup>

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That of Pet<sup>rs</sup> are deeply impressed with Sentiments of Gratitude for the many Blessings they enjoy under His Majesty's Government, which, at all times, manifests a paternal Sollicitude for the Welfare & Happiness of its Subjects -

That a marked Instance of that peculiar Care & Attention was exhibited, when the Act of the 31<sup>st</sup> year of His late Majesty's Rev. the third was passed, which conferred on the Inhabitants of these Provinces all the Rights & Privileges of Britons; & was intended to secure their future peace & prosperity & which of Pet<sup>rs</sup> duly appreciate.

That of Pet<sup>rs</sup>, at this junct<sup>n</sup> Crisis, when the public mind is divided upon the important Question of union uniting the 2 Provinces under one Legislature, deem it a most indispensable duty towards themselves & towards their posterity, such humbly to express their Sentiments upon the Expediency of that measure. -

That of Pet<sup>rs</sup> with the greatest deference conceive that the Separation of the provinces gave to one half of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, such a preponderating Influence, that the mercantile Int<sup>l</sup> has never, with the Exception of the 1<sup>st</sup> Parliament, been duly represented in the popular branch of the Legislature. This Want of due Representation in the provincial

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Councils, has had baneful effects upon the Com-  
munity of the Country & upon its general Welfare.

That the prosperity & growth of this Province  
have likewise been first impeded, by the loss  
of many opulent & enterprising Emigrants, who  
have been deterred from Settlement by the  
uncertain & precarious State of real Property  
in a Country, where, as yet, no Register Offices  
exist; a measure which with many immen-  
sely important Regulations for useful purposes, has  
always met with decided Opposition.

That the cruel Indifference shown to the  
frequent & urgent Prayers of their  
Numerous Fellow-Subjects of British  
Origin in the Townships, for a full  
Enjoyment of their civil & political  
Rights, has been an additional  
Disencouragement to the Settlement of the Province

That a still more dangerous Obstacle to its  
Advancement threatens the Province, in the  
Want of Amity between the different  
branches of the Legislature.

That in addition to their manifest Dis-  
advantages, the Division of the Province of Quebec  
has involved them in a serious Contention with  
the Sister Province respecting the Duties upon

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Importations at the Port of L. This Difference drew  
the Attention of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Ho: of Commons on the  
last Session, & a Remedy was provided by  
Arbitration: but, what, this Remedy will  
prove effectual, y<sup>e</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> must respectfully be  
leave to express their doubts. To show the pro-  
posed measure appears to entail upon the  
Provinces a continual & hunting them of  
Arbitration, perpetuating discord. Other &  
more important Considerations must necessarily  
arise with Time, as Improvements going  
forward & Commerce is increasing -

That the Provinces, being already united  
by their natural Position, their Interests  
the other Advantages, y<sup>e</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> are strongly  
inclined to believe that a Union  
under one Legislature sh<sup>d</sup>. necessarily  
follow, to consolidate their Strength  
& Resources & to secure that perfect  
Harmony so essential to their

Preservation. - That, sensible of the disadvantages  
the Province labours under, & apprehensive of  
the fatal Consequences arising from a neglect  
of Rights & Int<sup>s</sup>, increasing as the Provinces  
progress, y<sup>e</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> have united with injured Sab-  
jectors, the Proceedings of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Ho: of Commons  
during the last Session, to afford them Relief -

Montreal 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1822

My Dr Sir

Since I dropt you a line by DuSoy this morning I received your favors of the 2<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>th</sup> Instant by the Mail. The present Cold weather will soon render the Rivers passable which will probably enable you to come in before my departure for Upper Canada. It was the intention that I should leave this on Monday but the present my departure is postponed.

I inclose you a printed Copy of the City and County Petition for the perusal, amongst yourselves, of the same, as well as another printed Copy of the Petition from the Townships for the same purpose. These Copies must not be allowed to go out of your sight for fear, amongst other good reasons, they should find their way to the Public prints.

I am most truly

Yrs &c

H. Mackenzie

4<sup>o</sup> Clock P.M.  
Saturday.

Jac. Odham Esq<sup>r</sup>

Jacob Adam Esq  
Terrebonne

7th 1822  
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