Gentlemen,

There are two periods affecting me in the course of my recent service from which I have recently been relieved which cannot fail to excite deep emotion in the breast of any Governor, that of entering upon its high duties and responsibilities, and that of resigning her office.

In kindly attending to my appointment and the Government as the reward of previous services, you reminded me of expectations formed on your part and not perfectly fulfilled on mine, which might well make me humble, did not the warmth of your expression of esteem and attachment at the close of my administration convince me that I have not altogether failed to justify your generous anticipations, and that at least you have appreciated my zealous endeavors to do my duty.

With pride and gratitude, Gentlemen, I acknowledge the tribute of respect and
and regard, as preparing me for the last
it does, the sentiments of a very large
and of the most respectable and influential
portion of the community.
That some of you, or even that all, may
have been led to differ from me in some
point or other of my Administration, is
Concede a fact which was inevitable;
but I need not scruple to admit that
in attributing to me those lofty principles
of action which you have so kindly and
so unequivocally acknowledged, you have
done me scarcely more than justice.
The prospect of an approaching period
of a lasting separation from you would
be a bitter trial. Any feelings, did I not
know that a separation from you in
Space is not necessarily one of interm-
and affection. I can conceive my position
in life, nor future sphere, of action is such
The welfare of this Colony will not be
very clear time. I pledge myself to use
my best endeavours to promote it in
Every way which my experience may
suggest, or which opportunity, may offer.

Your very kind and flattering testimony of Lady Franklin's character and conduct in the position it has been her lot to fill calls for an expression of my especial gratitude. I may venture to say that, however limited her chances of action, or however inadequate her means and her ability, her heart has been disinterestedly and fervently devoted to the fulfillment of her duties, in which she has ever regarded the promotion of every object tending to the moral and intellectual improvement of the Colonies as an special part.

Thank you from my heart for all your affectionate good wishes. May the blessings of God and every happiness and prosperity be yours.

[Signature]

To. [Address]

The gentlemen accompanying the delegation.