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WESTMINSTER PALACE HOTEL,
VICTORIA STREET, LONDON,
S.W.

January 31. 1887 -

My dear Lord Curzon

our propositions
were,

1st. That the tenure
of office for the Senate
should be for life -

2d. That to preserve
sectional interests,
each of the three
sections should be
equally represented.

We left the case
there, but you

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Leadership called our attention to the chance of a dead lock. To meet your leadership's views, and, as we understood it, the opinion of the Cabinet, we offered this suggestion, that whenever a money Bill was reported once, or whenever any other Bill passed by the Commons was

reported by the Upper Chamber three times, it would be a justification for the Governor, with the advice of his Council, to add to the Upper House a sufficient number to carry the measure, provided that such Bill was carried, while still reading in the Commons by

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a majority of two
out of the three
sections of which
the Confederation is
composed.

This majority is
to be an absolute
majority of all
~~the members~~ and
not ^{merely} of those
voting.

In making the
additions, equality
is to be preserved -
as vacancies
occur, they are
not to be filled up

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 until the normal
 number of 24 is
 each section is read,
 of course, provision
 must be made for
 the contingency of
 another dead book
 before we get down
 to our original number.

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 With respect to the
 constitution of the
 Senate on its first
 formation, we
 propose that the
 names shall be
 called by the presiding
 officer of the respective
 provinces with
 reinforcements.

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Should any unexpected
 difference of opinion
 arise, - which I cannot
 well anticipate, the
 parties should be
 appointed by the
 Court not by the ^{pro-Quin}
~~any one party~~ ^{to be} charged
 with the personal
 responsibility as
 Imperial Officers.

It is suggested
 that the names should
 be inserted in the
 proclamation declaring
 the Union. I can say
 now to you what I could
 not well say at the
 meeting yesterday that
 any immediate removal
 would be prejudicial to the
 stability of the Government
 in Nova Scotia
 - the
 new manuscript. The

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WYTHINGTON PALACE HOTEL,
VICTORIA STREET, LONDON.

Legislatures of both
those Provinces meet
in March, and the lists
were settled now,
Every man in the
upper Houses of both
those Provinces, ^{with great} ~~and~~
omitted right or
wrongly, would vote
against the Post.
Believe me to be,
Dear Sir,
Very sincerely,
Yours

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