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W. P. Kotch.

London. 6 April 1887

My Lord Duke

I have the honor to
~~transmit~~ ^{transmit} to your grace copies
of ~~the~~ certain Resolutions passed
by the Delegates from B. U. C. on
the subject of the North West
Territory & Columbia
I have the honor

Respectfully

Wm. P. Kotch.

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re A.M. Taylor.

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Resolutions adopted at a Meeting
of the Delegates from British North
America held at the West Minister Palace
the 3rd day of April A.D. 1867

Whereas ~~it appears~~ that certain
persons residing at Red River in
the North Western Territory of British
America have petitioned the Her
Majesty to establish ^{therein} a Crown Colony
for the ^{better} protection of the said persons
inhabitants of the said Territory

And whereas it appears that
the Legislature of British Columbia
has adopted a Resolution affirming
the wish of the people of that Colony
to be admitted into the Union with
Canada, under the British North
American

Art-just ~~latitude~~ to which ^{the}
Royal assent has just been
given

Resolved that in the opinion
of this conference it will not
be practicable to make satisfac-
tory arrangements for the admission
of British Columbia into the Union
while the ~~unincorporated~~ territory which
lies between Canada and
that Colony is without organ-
ized government, and is claimed
first by the Indians who occupy
the greater part of it, and second-
ly by the Hudson's Bay Company
who have established a few trading
posts, ~~at points separated~~ many
hundred miles distant, the one from
the other

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Resolved that the establishment
of a Crown Colony, ^{or any merely representational} ~~of~~ by that ~~act~~
nominations is meant a system
of government ~~and~~ which does not
^{the responsibility of the executive to the legislature}
recognize ⁱⁿ the right of the people to
be represented by in a legislative
assembly freely chosen by themselves,
~~and their representatives would not~~
facilitate the Union contemplated
and provided for in the Act just
passed, ^{with the opinion of the majority} and would only add to
the evils ~~under~~ which the inhabi-
tants of "Red River" and the other
settlements ⁱⁿ the Territory now ^{are}
suffering.

Resolved therefore, ~~that~~ ~~it is~~
~~expedient to effect~~, as the opinion
of this Conference, that provision
having been made by the 146th ^{article}

4 of the "British North America
Act" ~~for~~ for the admission of
Rupert's Land and the North Wes-
tern Territory, or either of them
into the Union on such terms and
conditions as the Parliament
of Canada may propose and
Her Majesty approve, it
would not be expedient to an-
ticipate the action of that
body, ~~which~~ or ~~interpose~~ to create
incongruous institutions or sys-
tems of government in any part
of British America, which would
not be of long continuance, and
which would probably retard the policy
of Union, ~~and impede the progress~~

Resolved that the Conference
having

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