

17 June 1866.
C. J. P. P.

Hatfield June 17th 1866.

My dear Sir, I have deferred writing to you until we might know the exact result of the elections in New Brunswick, which as you are well aware all that could be desired when our last session met we hoped that N. B. by taking decisive action on the Comberston question at once would aid us in carrying it. We found that they would be too late for us and learning that our taking the lead would give them great assistance we as you are aware passed our resolution in conformity with Lord Monro's wish. This was also necessary in order that

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The Delegates might proceed
to England immediately after
they could convene. The Delegates
later in N.B. and pass the
requisite resolution. I hope
therefore that you will not
lose a moment in taking
whatever action is necessary
to bring Canada in to line
and that the Delegates ~~will~~
from all these Provinces
will be enabled to proceed
by the first of July to England
We must obtain a vote
during the present session
of the Imperial Parliament
or all may be lost. Our
House expires by law in
May next when a general
election must be held
and for reasons which it is
not necessary to enter into
here the result ~~will~~ would
be most disastrous to Con-
federation & probably defeat

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at all to go there. I am sure ^{24th 1887}
and not add a word more
to convince you of the neces-
sity of prompt and immediate
action. What that action
may be in your legislative
you are of course the best
judge. Tilley writes me that
he will carry substantially
my resolutions if it is very
desirable that Canada
should do the same as much
as possible, but at all events
do whatever is necessary to
enable the Imperial Parli-
ament to act this session.
And even the year is out we
will have the proof con-
vincing of having erected
a British American con-
federation to enter as I believe
upon a career of greatness
and prosperity which will
fulfil our most sanguine

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expectations. You will observe
that I provided in my res-
olution that the obligation
of from each Province (con-
sidering Canada two) was to have
an equal "voice" i.e. vote
by Provinces as we did at
the Quebec Conference. My
object in that was to enable
each Province to send what
ever number of delegates
might be thought desirable
but now necessary to reach
we are feeling. I think we
will be obliged to talk seven
but I would be glad to learn
by the graph what you think
on that point. Be good enough
to write me fully on the graph
of this and oblige
yours faithfully

C. Tupper
Hon. J. A. Macdonald,

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