

Confidential

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My dear Macdonald. There is only one point in your note just rec^d in wh^{ch} I desire to set myself right.

I never meant to imply - certainly did not express - that I entertained any doubt of your sincerity or that of your colleagues with regard to the question of Union -

What I did wish to convey to you, and what I still feel, and what I think I expressed is that the delay in bringing forward the subject of Union is a great mistake in the management of the question & may lead to disastrous consequences by wasting time & leaving you at the mercy of a accident hereafter - no one is more favourable than I am to the financial proposals of Galt means to

make, but I anticipate that I may be mistaken - considerable opposition to them, and I do not like to see the Union house weighted with the burden of what may be unpalatable in the new financial project.

Besides it appears to me that this mode of dealing with the subjects is in reality a postponement of the Union question to that of finance which considering the mode in which and the purpose for it this present admission of a loan was forced, I think scarcely justifiable.

I most fully admit your right as leader of the party to take your own line in a matter of party or Parliamentary management, but I felt and still feel that you would have had good right to complain if I had permitted you without remonstrance to pursue a course of conduct which

I consider injudicious & then had made the result of your course of a clear the ground for taking measures on my part -

I need scarcely say that any step of mine to dissociate me from the completion of the great work of Union would be personally most disagreeable to me and could be witnessed only by a sense of duty.

I have received in the past, and am likely to receive in the future, much more credit for the business than I say it most me affectedly - I feel I have any right to claim.

To you and to your colleagues I have the honor of having forwarded a "new nationality" and one of the incidents of this policy of delay which gives me most unmeasured

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is that it makes you, who
have hitherto led the way,
appear to hang back, when
all other parties to the
matter are prepared to
move on.

How can liberality
remain means - I have
put you in full possession
of my opinions and I
feel that now no one can
complain of my adopting
any line of conduct
it may appear best to
me. Believe me to be

Yours most truly

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The Hon.
J. A. Macdonald

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