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My dear Macdonald
 The proclamation of
 joining the Union to come
 into operation on July 1
 and nominating the mem-
 bers of the Senate was passed
 by the Upper Council
 on Wednesday last and
 appeared in the Gazette
 of that evening, so that
 the work so far has been
 finished it now remains for
 us to take the necessary steps
 to put in motion the ma-
 chinery which we have
 created, and I wish this
 note to authorize you to
 take the needful measures
 so as to have a Ministry

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ready to be sworn into of
 office and to commence
 the performance of these
 several functions in the
 1st July - I distrust the duty
 to you as the individual
 selected to their Chairman
 spokesman by the unanimous
 votes vote of the delegates
 when they were in England
 and I adopt this text for
 my guidance in consequence
 of the impossibility, under
 the circumstances, of as-
 certaining in the ordinary
 constitutional manner,
 who possess the confidence
 of Parliament which does
 not yet exist.

In authorizing you to
 undertake the duty of forming
 an administrative

The Dominion of Canada
 I desire to express my strong
 opinion that in future it
 shall be his duty understood
 that the position of First
 Minister shall be held by
 one person who shall be
 responsible to the Gov. Gen. for
 the appointment of the
 other Ministers, and that
 the system of dual First
 Ministers, which has hitherto
 prevailed shall be put
 an end to.

I think this is of
 importance not only with
 reference to the maintenance
 of satisfactory relations be-
 tween the Gov. Gen. and his
 Cabinet, but also with a
 view to the complete con-
 sideration of the Union of
 which has been brought about.

I may mention that I
 have communicated with
 Sir J. Williams & Gen. Doyle

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and they have both expressed
their willingness to undertake
the duties of provisional
L. Gov. should it be found
desirable to avail ourselves
of their services.

My purpose is to sail
on the 14th direct to
Quebec. I shall be in the
first instance to Messrs
Wood but I can of course
come to Ottawa whenever
it is necessary.

Believe me to be
most truly yours

Macdonald

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