

Confederation of the B. N. American Provinces

I communicated to the Delegates the alteration in the constitution of the Senate w^h the Cabinet desired to be made. They have accepted the principle & have embodied their conclusion in the accompanying paper - with this modification 1. that the appointments shall be with the Crown. 2. that the number added shall not exceed six.

The intervention of the Crown is to my mind a doubtful proposal: but it is designed to be a check upon popular feeling & the action of the local Gov^t. and I do not see that we can take exception to it.

The number six appears to me to be insufficient

In great kindness and
consideration as yourself sent

to meet the dangers of constitutional "dead-locks" which I pointed out to the Cabinet - but the difference between six proposed by the Delegates & 12 named by the Cabinet as a maximum is not very large.

I am afraid that there may be insuperable difficulties, but the proposal now submitted comes so near to the decision of the Cabinet that I do not see that we can reasonably object to it.

I shall be glad to be favoured with the opinion of my colleagues with as little delay as is possible.

Carrivon.

2. Feb. 1867.

I am disposed to think we may accept this proposal; but it would be better if possible to get power to add 9 or 12 instead of 6.

Stafford H. Pulteney

I should agree to the Delegates Proposal

I think the reference to the Crown is an improvement. To override a legislative Chamber by the process of usurpation is so extreme a measure that it ought to be accompanied by the utmost formality. I think that 12 would be a better number than 6.

I should accept the alternative

[D. Yes. D.]

I do not think the plan will work: but the lesser evil is to accept it.

If the proposal is an ultimatum I think it must be accepted

I agree with

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I prefer the suggested alteration of the Delegates to ours, as approaching more nearly to our House of Lords.

Manners.

Yours great kindness and consideration in yourself sent.

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I think the proposal
of the delegates should
be accepted.

Wm. Pakenington

Lord Carnarvon
Cabinet.

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