

Private

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My dear Gordon

We have received with great
regret the news of your Election
in New Brunswick.

I observe, however, you say
that the opposition of those, who
are against the scheme altogether,
would not have succeeded if it
had not been joined by those
who wish for a closer union.

I hope that before next year

we may be able to bring the
parties together to a closer union.

In the mean time I cannot at
all agree with you in regretting
the loss of the union of the Lower
Provinces. It seems to me that
with the spirit they now exhibit
there would be little chance of a
more comprehensive union, if
they were compacted together, and
I would deprecate strongly any
encouragement to them to combine,
including Canada.

The Canadian Ministers are coming
over to see me, & I shall hear
what they propose to do next.

I wish you would unofficially &
prudently urge upon your Ministers
that while England is very willing
to exert herself for the defence
of her Colonies, - she expects
them to exert themselves -

You might I think convince R.B.
that she must not expect England

to be satisfied lay with things
as they are.

I can scarcely conceive any
circumstances, which would
justify you in sitting in the
Admiralty Court to try a criminal
case: & where it is also an
international case, I should
think it still more objectionable.

Yours most truly
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Governor

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