

Fredericton N.B.

2nd January 1865.

Separate

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your despatch of 8th inst. transmitting for my information and guidance the copy of a despatch addressed by you on the 3rd Inst to Viscount-Monck.

2. I need not say that I shall act in conformity with Her Majesty's gracious commands therein signified to me -

3. At the same time I should do wrong were I to refrain from expressing to you my fear that Her Majesty's Govt will find that no effective amount of central control would in fact be established by the proposed measure of Colonial Federation, or is indeed

The Right Hon.

Edward Cardwell

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Contemplated

contemplated by its authors, more than
one of whom have distinctly repudiated
any such assumption. Nor ought
I to conceal from you my deliberate
conviction that the new constitution,
if adopted in its present shape will
inflict grave, if not irreparable, injury
on the social and political well
being of the different Provinces of
British North America.

4. Under these circumstances
it is not improbable that Her Majesty's
Government may desire that the office
which I have the honour to hold should
be filled by a man whose views are in
more thorough accordance with their
own, and who in obeying his instructions
will also follow a course which he
himself believes to be beneficial to
those under his Government.

5. Should this be the case
I trust that no consideration for
myself will be permitted to prevent
Her Majesty's Government from
effecting such a change, and I
accordingly

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accordingly beg to empower you, should
you think fit to do so, to lay at Her
Majesty's feet with the most humble
acknowledgements of my duty and
gratitude my resignation of the office
which Her Majesty has been pleased
to confer on me.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant.

Albion Gordon

New Brunswick

"Separate"

2nd January 1865-

Hon A. H. Gordon

to

The Rt-Hon. E. Cardwell
