

Frederickton

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Private

My dear Mr Cardwell

I have to thank you for your letter of the 7.th I have fully informed you of my views, and you have very distinctly given me your instructions.

Under these circumstances I feel inclined to let further discussion drop.

As however you ask me a direct question I may perhaps as well answer it.

"When" you say, "is the Imperial Parliament
 "likely to have a better opportunity for
 "enacting that closer union than
 "now?"

such an union I said I could convince

Maritime Provinces, the Canadian Gov^t ^{subsequently} will altogether cease to care about, effecting such an union. I wish I could convince you that it is the separation of Upper & Lower Canada that they really have at heart rather than any measure of union whatsoever.

They have sent you some very favorable specimens of Canadian politicians; deciding their best men. Brown you already know; Macdonald (when not drunk) is a really powerful man; Cartier though not able, is very agreeable, and a thorough gentleman; and Galt, though somewhat too Yankee in his ideas, is a remarkably clever fellow.

I have managed very well with my friend W^m Smith. Having always steadily