

I owe a fresh apology.

Yrs most sincerely

Arthur Gordon

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Nov^r 7. 1864.

My dear M^r Gardwell

I cannot profess not to be somewhat disappointed, but at the same time I am quite aware that my appointment to Ceylon would have been a strong measure, and that you have not forgotten kindly feelings for myself in the discharge of your public duty.

That part of your letter which most alarms me is your insistence upon the professional character of

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a poor man, nor one on whom
a Lieutenant Governorship confers
much, and the prospect certainly
has no charms for me.

I was delighted to see that
you favour "fusion not federation"
but federation will nevertheless I
fear quin the day. I have just
received the detailed scheme of
the delegates but I do not send
it to you as you will no doubt
receive it from Quebec.

Palmer wrote to me the other
day about various matters and

a single delegate expects the scheme to
be successful whole in England 21

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I thought he wrote hopefully and in
good spirits. If ever you have any
thing to say concerning me, pray
regard Palmer as my accredited
representative in England!

With very kind regards to Mrs
Cardwell I remain

Yours most faithfully
Arthur Gordon

Mr Edmund was not without hopes
that his refusal might have been
followed by a different nomination

Hon. A. Gordon

Govt of Ceylon

N. A. Union