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Withdrawal of Mr Galt from Min[y] on Education &c:

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My dear Lord

I had a mild hemiplegic attack here this week which has resulted in the withdrawal from the Administration of Mr. Galt the Finance Ministry - the subject on w[h] he separated from his colleagues was that of Education in Lower Canada in which Province he is the representative of the English Protestant Element.

It was proposed to pass a Resolution in this portion of the Population certain guarantees in Jail treatment in the matter of Education af-fecting the Minority - It was found

on the introduction of the Bill that it would be im:possible to carry it for Lower Canada without at the same time making simi:lar concessions to the Roman Catholic minority in Upper Canada - This would not be tolerated by the great bulk of the members from that portion of the Province and Ministers - as a choice of evils - felt compelled to abandon their Lower Cana:da bill - Mr. Galt was so strongly committed to this measure by pledges to his supporters that he felt bound to resign. He goes out however in very good humour and joins the govt. his assistance in completing the work of the session, and

I mean that he should be one of the representatives of Canada on the Union delegation -

I hope to prorogue Parliament tomorrow or Monday -

We have reports from many quarters all point:ing to a renewal of the Fenian attack - I wish we could have thirty or forty thousand breach loaders to arm our Volun:teers. The truth is that the events of the last few weeks have entirely destroy:ed the confidence of this men in their present arm and this is a very unsa:tisfactory state of things with troops like our Volunteers.

Parliament here has voted £50000 to pay

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for misfortune comes so
that if it is possible to
obtain them I shall pur-
sue let us know them.

While writing I have rec-
your private letter of July
with all my wish for a
speedy settlement of the
Union question I cannot
but rejoice that you do
without knowing the new
opinions has come out.
Substantially to the same
conclusions as those re-
commended by me in
my letter of the 21st

I shall probably hear
from you myself when in
Boston & that letter does
not suspend any arrange-
ment about your house
until then - I don't think
Mexican affairs need interfere
with my doing so as the arrangement
is made - Believe me to be most truly
yours Hawthorne

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