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1. Letter of Fenians off Grand Manan
2. Case of Fenians
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Private

Quebec. Oct 12. 1866

My dear Lord

I have to thank you for your private letter of Sept 22.

Since it was written you will have received my telegram informing you that the Canadian delegates will leave America for England on the 7th Nov. and I hope this announcement will check your present visitors quiet.

I send you a letter which I have received from Mr Archibald since I last wrote to you, also an account of a pic nic at Staten Island given apparently for the purpose of introducing Gen Santa Anna to the Fenians which appears to have been a failure.

Whatever may be the result of the Mexican move all intention of any active operations against Canada seems to have been abandoned.

The whole movement appears to have collapsed with the suddenness of the bursting of a bubble, and for the last ten days I have heard no more of Fenianism in its aggressive phase than I should if it had never existed.

Mr Mc[illegible] Ont. [illegible]

is a [illegible] the Provincial Govt. might,

I have received your Lordships despatch about Lamirande's case.

I sent you a statement of the facts in my despt. last week transmitting a memorial on the subject from some inhabitants of Montreal.

I shall by tomorrows Mail transmit you a report on the subject from the Attorney General and also from the Counsel who represented him at the preliminary investigation at Montreal.

I see in some of the newspapers and also in Judge Drummonds judgement indications of a desire to shield me from responsibility in this matter at the expense of the Provincial officers. I cannot accept any such protection - no deception of any kind, that I am aware of, was practised on me -

Ample abundant time was allowed the prisoner to obtain the writ of habeas corpus if his counsel had used ordinary diligence, and if the Judge had issued the writ instead of proceeding in person to the jail and giving oral and extra judicial directions to the jailer all would have been right -

I now regret that I did not, before signing the warrant of extradition cause inquiries to be made by telegraph in order to ascertain whether any application had been made for the writ of habeas corpus, but having allowed ample time for making the application and obtaining the writ I do not think I was in the least bound to do this -



I may say, though this does not affect the question as to the manner of Lamirandes extradition, that the best lawyers I have had an opportunity of consulting here, in addition to the attorney & Solicitor General think that Judge Drummonds law on this point is unsound, and that good grounds exist why he should have been shown

up - I do not think the officials who acted under my warrant can be blamed. They could not refuse to obey its requirements when there was no legal authority in existence to qualify them -

I see that Mr. Howe has published a pamphlet in England on the subject of the union of the provinces - I enclose an article extracted from the Toronto "Globe" of yesterday which puts Mr. Howe's consistency in a rather an uncomfortable light.

In the United States the Republicans seem to be carrying all before them -

The complete collapse of Secessionism just at the moment when the political circumstances of the States seemed likely

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& not it renewed vitality is a fresh proof
of the difficulty which Exists in shecular-
:ing as a future political Event in
that country -

The Jewish Trials at Scouts
are just now coming on and I shall wish
soon over - In my last two letters when speak-
:ing on this subject I may have appeared
to have lost sight of your objections to the
Statutes of last Session - which was no
principle - but my attention was
fixed on the practical operation of
those Acts in connection with the Prison-
:ers now in custody and I shall be glad
satisfied your that no embarrassment
can arise in that point of view.

Believe me to be
my dear Lord
most truly yours

Russell

The Rt Hon
The Earl of Carnarvon