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6 Oct: 1865

My dear Lord,

I have recd. both Yrs. private letters of the 15th & 21st of last month. It was a satisfaction to me to see on the arrangements for a supply of breech loaders, & I am only sorry that the local govts. have not accepted the offer, for I think that they wd. have found themselves armed with a very superior weapon at a comparatively early day, and would have then had the option of taking over the establishm.s which Colonel Dixon proposed to establish

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establish in Canada, and of supplying themselves with any quantity that they desired. I doubt much whether any of the American rifles will be on experience found to be worth keeping I gather by your private letters that this equally your opinion. I thought that I had informed you of the proposed despatch of 5000 Snyder rifles before the close of the navigation. I fear I must have omitted it in the pressure of a very busy time.

I am very glad to hear of Ps determination to propose the sending to England at once of two of the delegates. Their presence will be, I think, very useful – not for the transaction of business but to remove the appearance of

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of slight which the N.B. & N.S. delegates imagined to exist – They have been very reasonable and I am glad to say have agreed to remain in England with the exception of some two or three who are obliged to return.

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There has been some trouble in smoothing the susceptibilities of naval officers on the subject of receiving "orders" from any but their professional superiors.

But I hope – from the correspondence which goes out to you – that the term "requisitions" which removes the official objections, & that on the spot you will find no difficulty in carrying out whatever you consider to be necessary for the public service.

My last letter will have shown you my anxiety at an early date for a full report on Lamirandie's case. The facts which are now alleged — on apparently good authority — to have taken place are very serious, and amount to a respectable fraud upon the Law & the administration of justice. I have officially requested Ld: Stanley to ask the French Govt to delay all proceedings of the until your report of the case is in our hands: & this he has done. I am sorry to see my old friend Cartier's name mixed up with the transaction in a somewhat unsatisfactory manner — but I hope that he can clear himself of all complicity.

Believe me

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T. Oct: 6.
Ld: Brooke:
Difficulties. Delyannis.
Lamirandie. Navarino.
Affairs' etiquette.