mail left Ham received your letter
letter of the 17.th & 24.th ult. & your "Priv. & Conf." of the
same date.-

I am very sorry to find that
Ham. unintentionally left you uncertain
d as to the conclusion of Enfield's Inn case
you will see by the Chron. of 1st Inst

Private & Confidential

Highclere Castle. Newbury. 7. Sept. 1866.

My dear Lord

I am in receipt of your private letter of the 24.th Aug. containg. the explanation of your Telegram. I had indeed as you will have become aware by my previous letters, placed a more serious construction upon it than the existing circumstances of the Province — in your opinion at least — appear to warrant, and I apprehended from the terms of it the presence a the immediate threatening of some very grave emergency. It was perhaps well that I did not receive the qualifications that yr last letter contains until every arrangement was completed and the Ships and troops under orders to sail. As it is, however, I trust that the reinforcements will arrive in sufficient time either to anticipate or to assist in crushing any fresh Fenian raid.

I do not express myself thus on the general merits of the question on which I am disposed to lean rather towards the prevailing opinion of the Province than towards that entertained by Your Lordship. Your difficulties have been undoubtedly very great, and I am far from saying that the actual result arrived at is not the best. But it is right to add that a Telegram always bears with it, under such circumstances as those of Canada, a peculiar weight that hardly leaves room for discretion.

I receive grave ground for much anxiety. Whatever may be the real intentions of the U.S. Govt there is obviously a strong party ready to encourage any Fenian Aggression & the Fenian organization itself appears to be of a more extensive and formidable character than it has hitherto been. I also see strange reports and Charges brought in the Provincial papers against some of the leading members of yr Govt implying gross neglect of duty and even habitual drunkenness. I know to what length personalities are allowed to go in Colonial politics & what large allowance must be made in estimating all such imputations, but I observe that these Charges are repeated over and over again without, - as far as I know, - any contradiction; and I am bound to say that my private letters corroborate the public accusation. All this is very important not only as regards the future of Canada but in reference to the critical stage through which the Province is now passing. It furnishes an additional reason why, if there be any risk of Fenian invasion, the reins of Govt. should not be in any but your hands - for if there is any general want of confidence on the part of the country in the capability and energy of your Ministers it is of double importance that this should

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not extend to the Queen's Representative. He, under such circumstances, should be a man whose name is familiar with the people, who possesses their confidence and at whose orders they would readily come forward for the protection of the country, should the necessity arise.

For these reasons, in addition to those which were contained in my last letter to Yr. Ladship, I do not think that you could with safety leave Canada whilst there is any danger of an invasion. I am quite aware of Sir J. Michel's ability, & am equally aware of the value of yr. presence in England during the discussions on Confederation: but after all an invasion of Canada, and still more the consequences of such an invasion in the difficulties & complications with the U. S. Govt. to which it might give rise, are considerations that take precedence of everything else.

You will perceive from my despatch of last Saturday that I contemplate in such a case the presence here in England of such members of your Ministry as you may think fit to send. The early arrival of the Canadian Delegates has, as I mentioned to you in my last letter, become necessary

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for there is so much irritation growing on the part of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Delegates at the continued delay of their Canadian Colleagues in either coming or communicating with them that I foresee danger to the Confederation scheme from this quarter also.

I remain My dear Lord
Yours very faithfully
(Signed) Carnarvon.

The Visct Monck