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F.HINCKS Â L.H. LAFONTAINE.

29 June

1841

Kingston 29 June 1841.

My Dear Sir,

I trust you will not attribute my long silence to forgetfulness. Since I ~~have~~ received your letter I have been almost incessantly occupied. I have had to spend all my leisure hours preparing for the paper, and last Sunday I never rose from my desk from breakfast time till a late dinner. This is a holiday and I must therefore try to make a little answer to many correspondents. You will have gathered from the papers what the state of politics is at present. But a new movement is expected forthwith. It is currently rumoured that Morin is about taking office. He was with Lord S. at 8 o'clock on the morning that he left, and some of his friends seem to be aware of the circumstance. Under other circumstances I would have rejoiced at such an appointment as it is, it grieves me ^e ~~deply~~ in short destroys all my hopes if indeed I had any left. I confess however I do not allow myself to believe the truth of the rumour nor will I until it is confirmed by the most authentic information. I can hardly be surprised that the L.C. members are disgusted at the conduct of our Reformers I am so myself - but I feel assured that public opinion will work its way. The people are not corrupt, and their interests are the same in both sections of the provinces. I fear that some bungling ~~had~~ taken place with regard to the L.C. elections. Mr Neilson has been under the impression that the election law which require certain forms and recognizances had expired but it is contended that it has not. The law was to be in force until 1836 and till the end of the next session ~~of~~ Parliament. The question is. Has there been a session since? Black argues that there has not. He has quoted Russell and others

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to prove that a session is a meeting of Parliament at which an act has been passed. And that was not the case in either of the last sessions of the L.C. Parliament. It is hard to say how the decision may be and perhaps I do not sufficiently explain the case. I fear the Tories will try to prevent the elections being tried from informality. Our last hope has been to get three elections set aside, and then altho' we do nothing this session our dictator will be gone before another and public opinion will bring the renegade Reformers back to their first faith. We will ~~be gone/before/another/and/p~~ get some + good election law. I shall be truly glad to meet you in Kingston and I have no doubt you can get lodgings. I would advise you to go to Daly's (the British American) or (the Mansion House) or the ~~Burton~~ ^{Leathon} House in ~~Fire~~ ^{Fire} St. I hope to see you soon.

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very faithfully Yrs

F. HINCKS.

Montreal 27 June 1841

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Chambers

29 Juin 1841

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