

Toronto 26 Nov 1840

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I sincerely regret the position of parties, which an untoward series of events, seems to have brought about in Lower Canada, and am therefore more than ever anxious for the proclamation of the union, as the first step towards changing it; and mitigating the evils which appear to me to have grown up under it- There is, and must be no question of races- It were madness on one side, and guilt, deep guilt on both to make such a question- But, my dear Sir, while the Reformers of Upper Canada are ready to make every allowance for this unfortunate state of things, and are resolved, as I believe them to be, to unite with their Lower Canadian Brethren cordially as friends, and to afford them every assistance in obtaining justice, upon precisely the same footing as== (sic) in every particular as ourselves, it is, be assured, not to the adoption of a course of proceeding heading necessarily to collision, and tending to stop unavoidably the whole machinery of the constitution, that they look for the accomplishment of this just and necessary object: but on the contrary, to the harmonious working of the Constitution itself, by means of the new principle which, since recent events in Nova Scotia, no one can now doubt is to be applied to its practical administration, coupled with that forbearance moderation, and fineness on the part of the people, which *so long as it compromises the great principle* affords the best assurance of the possession of fitness for the exercise of political power.

Believing these to be your sentiments, and those of a large majority of your friends, I am I confess becoming impatient of the present unnatural state of things, though I take it for granted that there must be some necessity for its continuance, which my not being sufficiently acquainted with the state of Lower Canada prevents me from properly appreciating.

My father & brother request me to present to you their best respects.

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