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Toronto 17th June 1840.

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My Dear Sir.

I was much gratified by the receipt of your valued favour of the 2d Inst. and I have since had an opportunity of conversing at some length with Mr Merritt whose general wiews I am happy to find accord with your own. You are doubtless aware that Mr Merritt is a recent couvert to Re form principles and one in whom many of our friends are not disposed to place confidence. My own opinion is that Mr Merritt is sincere and I think it bad policy to shew distrust of those who even at the eleventh hour see the error of their ways. I have given Mr G.M. Boswell of Coburg a letter of intre duction to you.Mr B. has always acted with the "eformers but is a very moderate man. I have however a good deal of Confidence in his sincerity. I fully admit the truth of all your late remarks. You may depend that the Reformers of U.C. will in the United Legislature act towards you & your friends in perfect good faith.At present we are terribly cramped. Unless we avoid a split with the gov. general until after this elections, we shall run the risk of orange violence at the hus tings and the Reformers will be afraid to poll. Rely upon it. when we come to meet in Parliament we will give you full satisfaction You must see the advantage of getting a Reform Majority in this Province as well as in yours so as to silen ce all cavilling on the score of hational origine. I feel assured we shall have such, and by a little management we shall get good men and true. We shall have to support a few persons in whom we have little confiidence in order to avoid splits and to keep out the Tories but in every place where the Re-

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have a decided Majority, undoubted men will be return. I obser ve what you say about the use of the French language in the proceedings of the Legislature. You do me and my friends no more than justice when you express your conviction that we do not participate in the illiberal sentiments expressed by the Tories of both provinces I am not prepared to say what course it may be desirable to adopt on the subject of the language at will be difficult to get the Union bill repealed but not unpracticable. You are of course aware that no obstacle exists as to your speaking French in the Legislature. Would it answer to have an order of the House to translate and publish all proceedings in the French language and to have a to have a French translator to copy any motion that might be submitted? I meerely throw this out as an obvious methode of evading the chause, and would like your opinion. I feel assured however that the desire of all my friends will be to meet your wishes on this as well as all other hoursand to act towards you with perfect sincerity and good faith. Our ob-JECT IS similar. Why should we dispute on minor points? You must recollect that if we as a party had identified ourselwes prematurely with your party in L.C. we would only have afforded a pretext to the Tories to make greater infringments on our liberties & God knows they have done enough. You cannot hate the civil list more than I do, as Time will prove. I have already told you that I have always supported the Union without reference to details because by it alone I felt convince we would have a majority that would make our tyrants succumb. After what has taken place your countrymen would never obtain there rights in a Lower Canadian Legislature. You want our help as much as we do yours. There is a prejudice in England against the French as oppressors of the British and even Lord Durham whom you must admit has laid down sound general principles fell into the prevalent error. Our liberties cannot be secured but by the Union. I know you think we shall

SOCIÉTÉ HISTORION des de la Ville de Montréal DE MONTRÉAL never get Responsible Govt. that the Ministry are deceiving us - granted - But we wil; make them give it whether they like it or not. I cannot tell you how much it would gratify me to see you in Toronto. It is so much easier to explain and und derstand one another's views in conversation than by letter. Pray write me soon, and above all things do not lose confidence in the sincerity of your brother Reformers of U.C. We will not deceive you.

Ever my Dear Sir
Your faithful & obed Servt.

F. HINCKS