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F.HINCKS A L.H. LAFONTAINE.

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My Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few lines the other day by Mr Dunn who went off hastily to Montreal. We are all busied about the elections and I assure you take as warm and interest in yours as in our own. Is there no way of keeping Day and Ogden out of Parliament. Surely you told me once that Three Rivers was a Reform Constituency and yet Ogden used formerly to represent it. Depend upon it, it is mistaken policy to let such men into Parliament with a view to shew them weakness. They have no principles and it is difficult to make even reformers understand that men should be opposed until they have committed some error. It would therefore strengthen us to have them both out. Notwithstanding I feel convinced the new Cabinet will never holdtogether 3 months. I say this positively to prevent any doubts on your part or your friends. I am sorry to observe that so few of the Reformers attended the Levee altho' it might be considered as assenting to the Union. Mr Baldwin often urges on me the propriety of not attacking the Gov. personally but his Council for the acts of the Gov. I know it is hard to do this as I have told him, but on our own principle we ought to consider the Governor as acting under the advice of his Council and not to make a personel quarrel with him. I have myself vowed repeatedly that I would never cross his door again and yet I believe it would be my duty to do so and however repugnant to ~~my~~ my feelings. I played whist a few evenings ago with Sullivan the Premier who has written all the political articles in the Monthly Review which you will see I have not spared but there is no use in allowing these differences

to make us uncomfortable in going through the formalities of society. I trust most sincerely that Morin will be returned. I feared from some paragraphs in the paper that he would refuse. I am very anxious to hear your views regarding the new Council. My idea is that Baldwin Dunn Harrison and Daly would do and would <sup>form</sup> ~~from~~ the nucleus of a liberal administration. I think if they are really liberal ~~any~~ <sup>men</sup> they may be brought to act with Mr Baldwin and if so I feel assured they will be sustained by the House. With an infusion of liberal men from among your Reformers we might <sup>thus</sup> ~~then~~ obtain a strong and popular government, and you must be prepared to take office if you can consistently with principle. I shall be very glad indeed to hear from you soon with your views on passing events. Baldwin will be returned for the 4th riding of York altho' the old member Mr Mc Intosh a Reformer refuses to give way. The people are determined to make him and he <sup>is</sup> now taken up by the Tories. Baldwin was offered Lennox and Addington Bidwelle's old county but it betrayed the cause in 1836 ~~and~~ and the requisition called on Mr B. as "pledged to support the Government" which of course he does not ~~think~~ <sup>think</sup> himself unless he can do so consistently with his principles. Mr Baldwin can give no stronger proof of his sincerity than his throwing himself on the strongest Reform Constituency in the Province where he would be ruined by any compromises of his principles. Believe me ever with kind regards to Mad. LaFontaine.

Your faithful friend and servant

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With kind regards to Mad. LaFontaine. Your faithful friend  
Sergeant  
Blair

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