

A Lettering. 4th July 1840.

My Dear Sir

On my return from the Grand Prins yesterday I found you had been here, and I shall give you no trifling occurrence has given me so much annoyance - as I should have taken great pleasure, and only introducing you to our friends would have accompanied you to the Falls Shier, besides giving you an idea of the importance of our Canal

Many of our political friends would have been most happy to meet you also, and I hope now you have seen the spot you wish and fail to see us after the next election or send me a letter by any friend who will give my best attention - as Pres of Grand Prins Nav. Co. I shall be much obliged to you if you would write me a line previous, as I should wish it a joy to remain to meet any friend of yours as usual

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from present appearances, it is likely we will meet
 in a United Legislature, and feel so sensibly that
 we have ~~that~~ but one common object in view,
the Interest of Canada - that I am under no apprehension
 any real difference in opinion will exist on any
important measures to attain that end —

Until the Union Bill comes out
 and the Elections take place - any discussion on
 any particular measure would be premature, my
 object in writing is merely to express my deep regret in
 not meeting you at my House - Mrs. Inverness is absent
 also. business could have made you comfortable -
 with my best respects to Madame Lafontaine - Mr. Mondragon
 and the other two Gentlemen (whose names I don't recollect)
 who had the pleasure of meeting at your House

I remain
 Dear Sir
 My truly yours
 Wm. Hamilton Merritt

As I read the letters from an Upper Canadian in the
Montreal Gazette, it would be well to have some extracts
published in our Canadian papers. as it appears that
papers as well as most others take a very erroneous
view of the importance of the St. Lawrence Canal - Wm

4 Juillet 1840

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