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Brookes Club, St. James Street
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My dear Sir,

The recent changes in Canada, as announced in the News-papers, in the introduction of a policy which I always strenuously advocated, and to find an amiable, estimable people about to be released from the dominion of a faction, whose aim has been to confine all power & patronage in itself, affords a gratification to my mind, which, you can, from a knowledge of my sentiments, better appreciate than I can describe; & again, to have the sincerity of these measures tested by the appointment of such a man as Mr LaFontaine to high office, adds in no small degree to the satisfaction I experienced on hearing of these wise measures. His character for integrity & high principles entitled him to it, & with his firm & manly feelings, I am certain he would have never taken so ostensible a part in these happy events,

if he had not the fullest confidence
in their being faithfully carried into
effect.

The present policy is a wise one, though
tardy, the cause was so just, so equitable,
so undeniable to all friends of liberty
& social order, that I always looked
forwards to such results. I earnestly
trust the french party may cordially
embrace this opportunity, not
cavil about points of minor consi-
deration, but what is again
offered, & thus release a generous,
well conducted people from the
thralldom which has oppressed
& so grossly misrepresented
them, and in this way give the
most satisfactory contradiction
to the attacks and accusations
with which they have been so
unjustly assailed. May the cause
of good government so flourish
that you may soon see the day
when no distinction will be made
but such as character & fitness
of office demand.

I wait with no small anxiety for
letters from Canada. My friends must
be aware how zealously I am interested
in what is going on with you, & indeed
in every measure that has for its
object, the happiness, prosperity,
& welfare of all classes of the Queen's
subjects in Canada. It is my ardent
and unabated desire to see the
domination of a faction abolished,
& thus give fair share in the admini-
stration, to all, whose obedience
as subjects is required. Any measure
that can lead to such a wholesome
state, must be deeply gratifying
to me. I hope I may soon hear
from you - Pray, where is Mr
Tauside Benthillie - he has
not written to me for an age;
my best regards to him when
you see him - I suppose our
friend Mr Neilson looks on the
present prospects with much
satisfaction. What situation is
Morin to have - Remember me

Kindly to both, as well as any of my
friends.
at Beetham, I hope in good health,
When you write, I hope you will
not omit to mention Madame
B., to whom give my kind
regards - I trust that continuous
to be an increasing comfort
to you both.