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to see any of your Countrymen who may wish
to visit Canada, and I hope our intercourse will be
much greater than it has been. I have got a translation
of the article in Le Canadien to which you referred and
shall copy it. It has given us all much pleasure.
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that he came up to ascertain how the land lies
especially after your visit. I told you before that
he had no paper himself always say liberally but
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same here, that we were equally proscribed by the
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with inflexible firmness will ensure success. We must
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a Parliamentary majority - If he be a deceiver as you think &
as I have some fear in his own head be the consequence.
May however think he is really sincere and that he will

I send you my acknowledgements for the kind & obliging letter
you sent. It seems to concern in all our Affairs & we hope for
the direction of the Council of the Gov. Genl.

Believe me My dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
D. H. Kahn

Received by
C. D. Kahn Esq

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D. H. Kahn Esq

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The Honble, Eagle
Tobacco



It might be said by some that we have in trying times and especially
as we cannot help ourselves. I think I must mention that we have
not of them. I must say that we have in the hands of the
Honorable Co. It is desired with regards.

Toronto
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F. HINCKS A L.H. LAFONTAINE

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Believe me My Dear Sir

Your very faithful Servt.

F.HINCKS.

L.H. Lafontaine Esq.

Advocate

Montreal

Favoured by)
C.Dunkin Esq.)