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I have been in expectation of a ^{letter} from you for some time and was rather dissappointed at not receiving one per Mr Baldwin, especially as I feared you were not altogether pleased with my remarks about your letter. Mr Baldwin was much pleased with his visit, and has cheered us with the hope that our party will be kept united. I think Dunn and Harrison will go right and that Daly also will join them. The dismissal of the Tory Councillers must be a sine qua non but we do not all agree as to the time, and the mode. The Councilers at least some of them would in my opinion rather than the House should take the initiative by voting want of confidence. I think ^{that} they should never sit with Ogden and ^{and} say, that they should announce their conviction that the change must be made so as to secure for the government the confidence of the Reformers in both section, and if His Excy. will not do it, tender their resignation. This is the honest straight course, any other will embarrass them and expose them to be defeated by trichery. I think Mr Baldwin concurs with me but this is of course strictly confidential. It is almost dangerous to talk with Ex. Councillers on ^{such} subjects. If it is left to a vote of want of confidence in how absurd a position will the liberal members of the government be placed. They must speak, they cannot declare that they have no confidence in themselves and they cannot defend such a Govt. as that now constituted. I feel persuaded my position is the true one. I shall be in Kingston

on the Thursday morning previous to the meeting. I would like to know when the L.C. members come up. I have written to Morin giving him some information regarding lodgings. I fear the members will not altogether be so comfortable as might be wished but board will not be so high as I expected and have engaged for 6 at \$4 per week, to commence 1 June - separate bed rooms, and one sitting room. I am at present much hurried and you must therefore excuse a short letter. I presume you will be up yourself among the first. I think all our members returned as liberals even the weak brethren will go right on the elections. I hope Cuvillier will be put forward as Speaker by your friends. He would carry and look to the triumph of electing a F. Canadians anti-Unionist after all the boasting of the Montreal press ~~had~~ about the majority. The Tories are trying to take credit for running Cuvillier. It is the more necessary not to let them have it.

Faithfully My Dear Sir Yrs

F. HINCKS.

June 26 May 1841

My dear Sir,

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H. H. H.

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