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My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant, with the correspondence ^{that has taken} ~~which took~~ place between you and your venerable father, and Mr Smith, the Secretary of the Committee of Vigilance for the 4th Riding of the County of York, relating to the approaching election of that Riding — Please to receive my sincere thanks for this mark of confidence in my political principles — I cannot value it too much — When, after the events of the last general election, I expressed my wish

Not to enter any more into public
life, I did so fully convinced
that we had nothing good to
expect from the present ad-
ministration, to entangle or at
least to secure the liberties of
the People - I knew too well
upon what principles Lord Syden-
ham intended to conduct his
government. I thought he had
secured "his majority" at least
for the present Parliament -
Still I see a very powerful
Minority in the House - I
must admit that, in the present
circumstances, my election
to Parliament, particularly
by an Upper Canada Consti-
tency, might be considered
as of some importance. Since
you are of opinion that my
election may be useful to the
Reform cause, I will cordially

accede to your wishes and those
of your friends - as to my principles,
you know them well - It is not ne-
cessary for me to dwell upon this
point - As to my votes, they shall
be those of a man who cherishes
his independance of character
more than any thing -

I write at the same time to
our friend Mr. Morin. He will
communicate with you on the
subject -

Believe me

your faithful
L. M. LaFontaine

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P.S. Please to regard this letter
as confidential, and to excuse
my bad english writing.

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Letter
to
R. Baldwin