

proceed upon the suggestions of their correspondents here, the Hon. John Richardson, and others of the Scotch faction, to sound Lord Bathurst and his colleagues, (already nonplussed by the persevering patriotism of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, in not granting the civil list in a lump and for life,) in the manner mentioned; but it was not, I believe, till April, some time after the arrival of Mr. Robinson, that either the heads of their plan were communicated to, or acquiesced in by ministers. It is evident from the interview Mr. R. relates he had on the 4th of April, at the colonial office, and where Mr. Caldwell, the receiver-general, and Mr. Marshall, the solicitor-general, were present, that, at that time, no union was contemplated, but only an act for the adjustment of the differences between the two provinces. The presence of Mr. Robinson in London, made the Machiavels of Mark and Suffolk-lanes more anxious, vigilant, and pushing; and it was, if my information is right, between the 10th and 15th of April, that a paper, was copied out from a rough draft in several hand-writings, by a clerk in the counting house of Inglis Ellice & Co. and transmitted to Lord Bathurst, or his secretary, as the proposed heads of a plan for an union that would be highly desirable to the whole of the inhabitants of Lower and Upper Canada.

It was only after this that, the conferences were held at the colonial office, of which Mr. Robinson speaks, at which the legislative union of the two provinces was proposed and discussed; and that he gave his argumentative, and unambiguous opinion to ministers of the inexpediency of it; and, Mr. R. not having that personal knowledge that could authorise him to contradict the artful and false representations that were made to ministers of the favourable dispositions and desires of the entire population of Lower Canada for the union; ministry, finding it recommended by the London merchants who were supposed to know most of the matter, not having an opportunity of hearing the opinion of any agent for the province on the subject, and prepossessed in its favour, on account of the prospect it gave of increased patronage, and funds, at the disposal of the crown, determined upon allowing the measure to be introduced, and to support and sanction it as their own. If any one can give a more authentic account of the *Birth, Parentage and Education* of the Union, I hope he will; and that I shall soon be able to tack to it, a narrative of its *last dying speech, confession and Execution.*

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