

MEMORANDUM

OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL,

REFERRED TO IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

"Confidential Memorandum."

"The Governor General is sincerely desirous that in the administration of the affairs of the Province, the interests and feelings of that important section of the Inhabitants which is of French origin should meet with the fullest attention and consideration.

It would be very satisfactory to him therefore to have the means of including in his Executive Council some of those Gentlemen who enjoy in a high degree their esteem and confidence.

He has reason to believe that this object might under existing circumstances be accomplished with great advantage to the public, and on terms that would be fair both to them and the Members of the present Council.

The Governor General has too sincere a respect for the Gentlemen to whom he addresses himself, to ask their assent to any proposal involving a sacrifice of principle. But in inviting them to consider the practicability of such an arrangement as he has suggested, and to favor him with their sentiments thereupon, he desires to express his confident hope that objections founded on personal or party differences (if such exist) will yield to the dictates of Patriotism and Public duty.

Monklands, 23d February, 1847."

[Translated.]

RECAPITULATION

Of what passed between Messrs. PAPINEAU and CARON, between the 12th of March and the 6th of April, (1847,) upon the subject of a negociation relative to a Ministerial arrangement, commenced on the 12th of March, at Quebec, between the two Gentlemen above named, and continued at Montreal, by Mr. CARON with Mr. CAYLEY, since the last of these two dates.

The 12th of March, (1847), Mr. Papineau gave to Mr. Caron, at Quebec, communication of a certain Memorandum of His Excellency the Governor General having for its object to ascertain the possibility of forming an arrangement whereby admission into the Executive Council might be secured for some persons of french origin, enjoying the confidence of their countrymen.

Mr. Caron was informed that this document had been already communicated to Mr. Morin, at Montreal, and that that Gentleman had been of opinion that he could not give effect to its views; that there was reason to believe that Mr. Morin, before giving his reply, had not had time to ascertain opinions at Quebec upon the subject; that under this impression and in order to give to that City and to the District of Quebec, the opportunity of declaring its sentiments upon this important question, he, Mr. Papineau, had been authorized to bring on this Memorandum, and to communicate it to whomsoever he should think fit, that it was with this view he had shewn and finally left in the hands of Mr. Caron, until the morrow, the paper in question, in order that he might shew it to his friends; but that