

with the parent state be cemented. All our institutions and laws are founded upon the broad principles of real and substantial freedom.

I would then, in the first place, suggest, that a definite and explicit constitution for a Federative Government, to be established in these British Provinces, be prepared by the British Government, and be given to us under the sanction and authority of an act of the Imperial Parliament, which before coming into force, however, should be submitted to the Provinces respectively for their adoption, in such manner as may be agreed upon by all parties concerned.

The result of such a union will, in my opinion, be the permanent establishment of British ascendancy throughout the whole of Her Majesty's North American Possessions. The inhabitants of these Colonies are loyal; and they are so, not merely from the abstract sentiment of loyalty, or from interest, but because they are convinced that the stability of their institutions can be best secured by maintaining the connection with the mother country. By such a union, these extensive Colonies would be enabled so to increase and distribute their resources for the benefit of all, that the abundance and facilities of national wealth would lead to, and advance their common interests, and place them at once on a level with many powerful nations.

On this federation being formed, our beloved Queen could not give her loyal and devoted subjects in these remote parts of Her dominions, more grateful evidence of Her Majesty's desire to perpetuate their allegiance, than by incorporating in Her Royal Title the distinct claim of sovereignty over these Her Majesty's possessions. Such an act of condescension and grace, would produce an important effect throughout the whole extent of the North American Continent.

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