

from the United States, which the spirit of advancement there, and the treasures in this fine country may alike contribute to bring about, leading to the formation of Settlements and the exercise of Magisterial jurisdiction assumed by themselves, things calculated to weaken Canada and British Columbia, when by judicious and timely legislation both might be strengthened and the entire frontier made impregnable so as to resist effectually Fenianism or hostile attacks from any quarter†, but that also a state of things may hereafter be brought about, which may perplex the English Cabinet and tax the counsel of British Statesmen to the utmost, if not involve our country in the fiercest, saddest and most sanguinary of wars, to say nothing of jeopardizing the existing Christian Settlements by past and present collisions and outbreaks, and by the continuance of a condition of things bordering on Anarchy.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's Most Obedient and Humble Servant,

Griffith O. Corbett, Clerk, M. D.

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†Several times the frontier has been endangered by Fenianism, and at this date it is still threatened.