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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Ottawa, April, 1869.

*The Governor of Newfoundland to the Governor General.*

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Newfoundland*, 20th March, 1869.

SIR.—I have the honor to forward to Your Excellency printed copies of Resolutions which have been passed by the Council and Assembly of this Colony, stating the terms upon which they would consider it expedient to join the Dominion of *Canada*.

2. It is proposed by my advisers that a delegation should proceed to *Ottawa*, at the termination of our Legislative session, for the purpose of explaining the views which are embodied in these Resolutions, and arriving at an agreement with your Government on the contemplated arrangement, which it is to be hoped will not present many points of difficulty. I trust that the delegation will be able to leave *Newfoundland* by the last mail steamer in April, or the first in May.

I have, &c.,

The Right Honorable

(Signed,) (Signed)

A. MUSGRAVE.

Sir John Young, Bart,

G. C. B., G. C. M. G., &c., &c.

RESOLUTIONS adopted in Committee of the Whole on the subject of the Union of this Colony with the Dominion of *Canada*.

*Preamble.*

Whereas by the Imperial Act, 30th and 31st *Victoria*, Chapter 3, entitled An Act for the Union of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, and for purposes connected therewith, provision is made for the admission of this Colony into the Union; it is therefore

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that this Colony should enter into the said Union as part of the Dominion of *Canada*, if an arrangement can be effected therefor, on fair and equitable terms.

It is the opinion of this Committee that in accordance with the general provisions of the *Quebec* Resolutions of 1864, and the said Act, as well as in addition to the same, and in modification thereof, the terms hereinafter specified would, as regards this Colony, form a just basis for arrangement.

*Expenses paid by Canada.*

2. The charges for the several Officers, Departments, and Services enumerated in Schedule A<sup>s</sup> shall be annually defrayed by the Government of the Dominion, together with the just claims of this Colony for other charges and concessions of like character with those borne or made by the Dominion with reference to the other Provinces.

*Public Debt.*

3. The Public Debt and Liabilities of this Colony shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and shall be chargeable as those of the other Provinces of the Dominion.

*Subsidies.*

4. There shall be annually allowed by the said Government to the Government of this Colony for the support of local Institutions, —

1. The sum of eighty cents per head on the present population, and to increase with the population up to the number provided for the Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*. 2. The interest of five per cent. on the difference between the actual amount of the Debt of this Colony at the time of the Union and the average amount of indebtedness per head of the population of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*. 3. The annual subsidy to which this Colony would be entitled by 118th Section of the said Act; and, 4th, the sum of \$175,000, in consideration of the transfer to the General Government of the ungranted and unoccupied Lands, Mines, and Minerals of this Colony.