

FEDERATIVE UNION  
OF  
THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCES.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST.

SIR,—I beg leave, through the medium of your paper, in the present peculiar position of our affairs, to propose for the consideration of the people, a scheme for a Federative Union of all the British North American Colonies; by means of which a more satisfactory arrangement of our political condition may be expected. The views I entertain upon this important subject are by no means new, so far as regards myself; for upon reference to the Journals of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada so far back as February in the year 1838, it will be seen that a similar project is recommended in general terms, in a Report made by me as Chairman of a Committee, upon the then political state of the Province. Some ten or twelve years experience since then, however, has convinced me of the necessity of introducing the elective principle to a greater extent into our institutions than I at that time thought was compatible with our form of Government. But I am now satisfied that the further local self-government can be safely and consistently extended in these Colonies, the more closely will our ties of connection with the parent state be cemented. All our institutions and laws are founded upon the broad principles of real and substantial freedom