

4 CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING THE PROPOSED UNION

CANADA.

The Committee have therefore the honour to advise and submit for your Excellency's approval that the several Governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, be invited to appoint Delegates, under the authority of the Despatch of the Secretary for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, dated July 6, 1862, and communicated by the Colonial Office to your Excellency by a Despatch of the same date, to confer with the Canadian Government on the subject of a Union or Federation of the British North American Provinces.

The Committee beg leave further to recommend that Quebec be selected as the place, and the 10th of October next the time for the meeting, as they have ascertained that such time and place will meet the views and convenience of the several Governments.

Certified,  
W. H. LEE,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Lord MONCK to Governor of Lower Provinces.

SIR,

Quebec, September 23, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to transmit a copy of an approved Minute of the Executive Council of Canada respecting the proposal to hold a Conference of Delegates from the Colonies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, with the Ministers of Canada, to consider the question of a Union of these Colonies, and to digest a scheme for the practical realization of the idea which may be submitted as embodying the joint opinions of the Governments of the several Provinces to the Secretary of State for the Colonies with a view to obtaining his sanction for legislation on the subject.

In conformity with the request contained in this Minute, I have the honour to invite you to name a deputation to represent your Province in the approaching Conference, which will meet at Quebec on the 10th of October.

The Lieutenant Governors of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and the Governor of Newfoundland.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) MONCK.

No. 2.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P., to  
Viscount MONCK.

(No. 79.)

MY LORD,

Downing Street, October 14, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 135, of the 23rd of September, reporting that you had invited the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, together with the Governor of Newfoundland, to send Delegates to Quebec, to attend a Conference on the subject of the proposed Union of the British North American Provinces.

I approve of the course which your Lordship has taken in this matter

Governor General Viscount Monck,  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) EDWARD CARDWELL.

No. 3.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Viscount MONCK to the Right Hon.  
EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

(No. 168.)

SIR,

Quebec, November 7, 1864.

REFERRING to my Despatch (No. 135.\*) of the 23rd September, in which I have informed you that I had invited the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, and the Governor of Newfoundland, to send Representatives to confer with the Members of the Canadian Government on the feasibility of effecting a Union between the Colonies of British North America, and to my Despatches† of the 14th October (No. 151.) and 2nd November (No. 165.), in which I enclosed to you the answers received to that invitation, I have the honour to report that the several gentlemen named in the communications above referred to as Representatives of those Colonies respectively arrived at Quebec on Monday the 10th October, the day named for the assembling of the Conference.

† Note.—These two Despatches merely reported the names of some of the Delegates, and the expected time of their meeting.