

other, in spite of all their professions of loyalty'. The finances, the house of assembly—in fact, everything in Upper Canada—in a chaotic state.

- CXVI. Poulett Thomson to the Legislature of Upper Canada, December 7, 1839 428
 Outlines the government's plans for union. Delay in proposal not due to wavering, but to a desire to consult the Upper Canadian legislature in order that the union may be as just as possible. Thomson asks the legislature to assent to certain terms in the proposed union: (a) equal representation for each province in the new united house of assembly, (b) the granting of a civil list, (c) the charging of the public debt of Upper Canada for works of a general nature on the joint revenue of the united province.
- CXVII. Poulett Thomson to a Friend, December 12, 1839 430
 Explains what he means by 'responsible government'. The governor cannot be responsible to an executive holding the confidence of the house of assembly. The governor is not a sovereign; he is a minister of the crown responsible to the home government, and therefore 'cannot be under the control of men in the colony'.
- CXVIII. Resolutions of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, December 14, 1839 431
 Embody Thomson's requests as outlined in No. CXVI.
- CXIX. Resolutions of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, December 23, 1839 432
 Embody Thomson's requests as outlined in No. CXVI.
- CXX. Poulett Thomson to House of Assembly of Upper Canada, January 14, 1840 432
 Impossible to lay before the house Russell's dispatches on 'responsible government'; quotes, however, No. CXI as to the advice on which he acts.
- CXXI. The Act of Union (3 & 4 Victoria, c. 35), 1840 433
- CXXII. Poulett Thomson to Russell, September 16, 1840 445
 Regrets that act of union has no provisions for municipal institutions. Municipal institutions are the very training needed in Canada—without them, higher government cannot succeed. Is inclined to defer proclaiming the union, until parliament has reconsidered this question. The consequences of such an action, however, too doubtful. If the queen desires, he will persist in his work and propose a comprehensive municipal scheme in the opening session of the new legislature.
- CXXIII. Russell to Sydenham, October 25, 1840 449
 Reply to No. CXXII. Regret: Sydenham's disappointment over the omission of legislative provision for local government in the act of union, especially as he shares in it. It is a Canadian matter, however, and the Canadian people will doubtless provide for such a useful system.
- CXXIV. Sydenham to a Friend, 1840 (?) 449
 Expresses more emphatically his fear that it was a fatal mistake for the imperial parliament not to set up a good municipal system. Without it the jobbery and corruption of this government must go on, and the Canadian legislature spend its time inefficiently on petty local details. A system of local government far more important than even the legislative union.