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would spoil all. For instance -
when I was at Halifax it was
arranged that Mr. Lest should
not be appointed nor should
the nominee of Mr. C. M. Macdonald,
but that an Officer already in
the Department should be sent
to perform the duties pending
the negotiations. That fact is
known to Howe + Macdonald
and they would have a right
to complain if Lest were now
appointed. I quite understand,
of course, that this kind of
thing cannot last much
longer - that Mr. Howe must
give me his answer whether he
will join or not. If he declines
then a vigorous course must
be adopted for the avowed purpose
of ~~converting~~ ^{connecting} the Union minority
into a majority, and the Antis
must be fought everywhere,
but let us not fall between
two stools. I must just close
with Howe finally. You are
I am sure, worried to death by
the complaints of our friends,
but you must possess yourself
with patience.

McCully writes me in the
one strain, which means Office
for himself and his friends,
and so do others - but from
you I look for support at this
time

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