

*MEMORANDUM of Opinions entertained and expressed
on Canadian Affairs, in the year 1838, by an Officer
long resident in Canada, and which he transmitted from
Toronto, in writing, to the Lords of the Admiralty, and
to three eminent Statesmen in England, in June of that
year.*

Do not unite the two Canadas under one Legislature, as you will thereby punish the Loyalists in Upper Canada for the misdeeds of the disaffected in Lower Canada. I am convinced that, if so united, those of French descent in Lower Canada will unite with the present opposition in Upper Canada and rule their adversaries with vindictive harshness.

The House of Assembly in Lower Canada voluntarily and contumaciously abdicated its functions and its privileges. Let that Province be, in consequence, governed by a Governor and Council, for five, or ten years, or until it appears that a representative Government can again be prudently restored to it. This Governor and Council can, no doubt, govern that Province better than it has yet been governed; and thus a practical proof may be given of the superiority of such government for a Province while yet too immature for self-government. Leave Upper Canada to itself. Cherish it and it will become daily more and more an efficient bulwark against aggression.

If, however, union be decided upon, let it be the union of all the Provinces, whereby the British race will be so predominant as to leave no hope to the other race of acquiring or gaining any ascendancy; and, consequently, no proceedings to that effect will be seriously thought of by that race.

In making this statement I have no idea of treating the Canadians of French descent, after such union, as not fully