

To His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies,
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE :

THE undersigned—author of a pamphlet entitled “Observations upon a Union of the Colonies of British North America,” published in 1855—at the suggestion of several public men, in Canada, New Brunswick, and Novascotia, who share in his opinions; who are, as they believe, intimately acquainted with the popular feeling upon political subjects throughout those Provinces; and who think that the visit of Your Grace to British North America affords an opportunity, which it would be wrong to neglect, of addressing Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies upon that subject—begs leave to submit to the consideration of Your Grace the following observations relative to a scheme for the Union of the British North American Provinces under a single Government and a single Parliament.

The scheme is one which doubtless has not now for the first time been brought to the notice of Your Grace. It is believed that nearly every man of eminent abilities, who has within the last half century given especial attention to the political *status* and prospects of British North America, has been favorable to that union, and has looked forward hopefully to its accomplishment, as the foundation upon which the grandeur of the British dominions would be perpetuated on this continent. When His Royal Highness, the late Duke of Kent, was a resident of these Colonies, one of the many modes by which he testified his earnest desire for their prosperity, and his ready appreciation of what would best conduce to that end, was the hearty approval he gave to a scheme for their Union which was submitted to his consideration; and it would be most gratifying to those who have this project so much at heart, and would, if possible, increase the attachment of the British American people to the Royal Family of Great Britain, if the visit of the Son and Heir of our Queen, whom we now welcome to our shores, and whom Your Grace accompanies, should be associated with the first