

and say that for himself and as an earnest of his sincere desire to place Nova Scotia, under the present aspect of affairs, in its proper position he would not hesitate to enter into any proper arrangements for that purpose. Whether he went so far as this or not - if he at all spoke in this sense, on his speech being reported it would open the door for me to offer him and his party all the advantages which have been mentioned in our correspondence.

In this sense I write you a letter marked "Confidential"

which, if you think proper, you might show ~~him~~ Howe.

As to the Commission for codifying the Laws, I do not think that Archibald cares much about it. He wants employment and readily consented to act. I desire to put Stewart Campbell on it, principally because he has behaved very well, and requires pecuniary aid. I am, of course, alive to the expediency of not giving the Commission an unpopular Caste.

With that view my intention was to go on