

legislative powers, and without union of legislation. This is provided for in the proposed "British United States," as all concur in the laws of each State, by their Representatives (the Barons) while, instead of twenty-six Governors or heads to sanction their laws, the "British United States" would have *one* head, viz. the Viceroy, and that too with an additional restraint to that of the local Parliament—the *Sovereign of England*, thereby also a responsible government.

A union of several independent states cannot be permanent; and no man conversant with the history of the world, and with the human mind, is to be found, who contemplates the continuance of the union of the Democratic Republican States of North America. The number of the British States is not too great; they are capable of consolidation, they have resources not inferior to those of the most favored parts of the globe, and while their connexions with England are fostered with a united liberal policy, no other country affords better founded hopes of independence and prosperity.

Whether my sentiments will be acted on or not, I presume not to say, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that they have the favorable opinion of some, who, did I mention their names, would appear worthy of consideration. I am not insensible of the various interests which will pervade a great number of influential honorable minds. Yet, while all these are worthy of regard to a due extent, they ought not to weigh in the opposite scale to that of the prosperity of the whole British connexion, nor to interfere with a perfect recognition of all Her Majesty's faithful subjects as equally worthy of royal favor, without respect to the various distinctions into which Christianity is divided.

This is the only principle which will retain British supremacy in the Provinces; *one* heart, *one* principle of union, *one* general rally round the throne, *one* general support of the standard which shall henceforth float over all Her Majesty's Possessions.

Such is the aim of a non-resident *land-holder* in both the Canadas.

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