

more delay, than were necessarily encountered by Dutch William when visiting his favourite retreat at the Hague, or by any of the Georges in those periodical elopements to Hanover which gave so much umbrage to their British subjects. A political motive, perhaps, stronger than that offered by the Industrial Exhibition, seems to suggest compliance with this petition. There exists just now a little "difficulty" between the British Crown and the Colonial Legislature. Her Majesty, at their own request, selected Ottawa as the future metropolis for the United Provinces of Canada. The local Parliament rejected this choice. One Ministry resigned in consequence. Their successors, after a week's enjoyment of office, fell also before a vote of non-confidence. The former Administration, slightly recast and reinforced, have, therefore, resumed the reins of power—but upon the condition, as the last advices state, of surrendering the metropolitan question. The doubt as to the future capital of Canada remains, therefore, unsolved, and the indignity cast on the British Crown uncanceled. The crisis in both aspects might be conquered at once if the present petition were conceded. Suppose, for instance, the Prince of Wales were to arrive in Canada with the title of Duke of Ottawa, the choice of that locality for their metropolis would be accepted by the Canadian public amidst a chorus of loyal acclamation.

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THE PROPOSED ROYAL VISIT TO CANADA.

(From the Court Journal.)

We learn that Mr. Norris, the gentleman who has been deputed by all the leading men in Canada to visit this country, to invite the Queen or some member of the Royal Family to grace by their presence the inauguration of the Exhibition at Montreal, has had very satisfactory interviews with Sir E. B. Lytton and the Earl of Carnarvon. It happens that all the arrangements of Her Majesty and of her illustrious family are made for the autumn; so that there is no hope of a mission, which deserves to succeed for its loyalty's sake, being fulfilled exactly in the way that our Canadian fellow-subjects have desired. But there is a hope, and a well-grounded hope too, that in the course of next summer the people of our great American dependencies will have their feelings gratified by a visit from some prominent member of the Royal Family, such as the Prince of Wales, if not of the Queen and the Prince Consort. This much we are enabled to say already. We are also enabled to say, that the loyal and affectionate sentiments which have prompted a request so unusual, and in some respects so