

tain defined and exclusively local affairs,—the whole being subordinated to a Viceroy, appointed by the Crown, or hereditary in a branch of the Royal Family, and a metropolitan Parliament of two Houses, to deal with all matters of general interest, and to possess the power of exercising a general supervision over the local legislation of the Provinces so as to harmonise their action, would seem to combine the greatest degree of security to local interests with the greatest unanimity upon all matters of importance affecting the whole United Colony. It would also probably satisfy the wishes and aspirations of the greatest number.

In conclusion, the undersigned craves permission to suggest to Your Grace the desirability of making enquiries, so far as leisure and convenience will permit, during the tour of Your Grace through these Colonies, into the state of feeling existing among them relative to the subject of the above remarks, and their expectations as to their future relations, political and commercial, with their powerful neighbors of the United States, with each other, but, still more, with the Mother Country. Should anything in the foregoing observations add to the disposition of Your Grace to listen favorably to this suggestion and act upon it, the object with which they were penned will have been fully attained; for the writer believes that Your Grace will then hold communication upon this subject with many public men who are as profoundly impressed with a sense of the necessity for a Union of the Colonies as he himself *can* be, and who can much more forcibly and convincingly present the arguments which go to prove that necessity.

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