

satisfied that the amount of the indemnity was reasonable, and the security sufficient, would apply to the Imperial Parliament to sanction the agreement and to guarantee the amount.

On the last point, it seemed sufficient that Her Majesty's Government should accept the assurances given by the Canadian Ministers on the part of *Canada*, that that Province is ready to devote all her resources both in men and money to the maintenance of her connection with the Mother Country, and should assure them in return that the Imperial Government fully acknowledged the reciprocal obligation of defending every portion of the Empire with all the resources at its command.

The Canadian Ministers in conclusion said, that they hoped it would be understood that the present communications did not in any way affect or alter the correspondence which had already passed between the Imperial Government and the Governments of the British North American Provinces on the subject of the Intercolonial Railway. To this we entirely agreed.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor General Viscount *Monck*, &c., &c.

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DOWNING STREET, 24th June, 1865.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to inclose for Your Lordship's information, a copy of a despatch which I have addressed to-day to the Lieutenant Governors of the Maritime Provinces.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Viscount *Monck*, &c., &c., &c.

Mr. Secretary *Cardwell* to the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick*.

(Copy.)

DOWNING STREET, 24th June, 1865.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you the copy of a correspondence between Viscount *Monck* and myself, on the affairs of *British North America*, which have lately formed the subject of conferences between Her Majesty's Government, and a deputation from the Canadian Government.

This correspondence having been presented to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament by command of Her Majesty, I have to direct you to communicate it also to the Legislature of *New Brunswick*, at its next meeting.

You will at the same time express the strong and deliberate opinion of Her Majesty's Government, that it is an object much to be desired, that all the British North American Colonies should agree to unite in one Government. In the territorial extent of *Canada*, and in the maritime and commercial enterprise of the Lower Provinces, Her Majesty's Government see the elements of power which only require to be combined in order to secure for the Province which shall possess them all, a place amongst the most considerable communities of the world. In the spirit of loyalty to the British Crown, of attachment to British connection, and of love for British Institutions, by which all the Provinces are animated alike, Her Majesty's Government recognize the bond by which all may be combined under one Government. Such an union seems to Her Majesty's Government to recommend itself to the Provinces on many grounds of moral and material advantage, as giving a well-founded prospect of improved administration and increased prosperity. But there is one consideration which Her Majesty's Government feel it more especially their duty to press upon the Legislature of *New Brunswick*. Looking to the determination which this country has ever exhibited to regard the defence of the Colonies as a matter of Imperial concern, the Colonies must recognize a right and even acknowledge an obligation incumbent on the Home Government to urge with earnestness and just authority the measures which they consider to be most expedient on the part of the Colonies with a view to their own defence. Nor can it be doubtful that the Provinces of *British North America*