

of supplying this defect and of affording a constitutional means for the colonists to express their wants, and enforce their rights and interests, would be by Colonial Representation in the Imperial Parliament, whereby the British empire would become bound together under one great Federal Government, with England for its head."

After a short discussion, on motion of Mr Hatt, the Convention adjourned till 3 P.M.

At 3 o'clock P.M., the Chairman took the chair, and the business of the Convention resumed.

After some discussion, Mr Willson received permission to withdraw his amendment, and it was then moved in amendment by Mr Breakenridge, seconded by Mr Vansittart, to strike out all the words in the original motion after the word "That," and insert the following—

"The political grievances which at present afflict this Province, as well as the necessity which exists for extending commercial intercourse with our sister colonies, thereby creating a large home market for the consumption of agricultural products and domestic manufactures, and the importance of consolidating the interests and strength of the British population of North America, having given rise to the question of an Union of all the British North American Provinces, it is in the opinion of this Convention of the utmost importance that such a proposal, involving a scheme of immense magnitude, and pregnant with the most important consequences to the interests and destiny of these colonies, is deserving of the most careful and thorough investigation.

"That in order that this investigation may be efficiently made, this Convention do select ten of its members, four of whom shall be a quorum, with the request that they may meet in the city of Montreal at some such early day as may be agreed upon before the close of the navigation, such gentlemen from the Lower Provinces as may then and there assemble to deliberate upon and discuss the said proposal.

"That in order to procure the attendance of such gentlemen from the sister Provinces, the Secretary of this Convention forthwith transmit to a few of the prominent and influential individuals in each of such Provinces, a copy of this Resolution, at the same time inviting their immediate action thereon, in the selection of Delegates to meet in Montreal, at the time and for the purpose intimated in a previous Resolution; and that the Committee of this Convention appointed for the conference be requested to prepare a Report upon the subject thus refer-

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