

I did not hint to Stairs your reference to him as I thought it would be better for you to be entirely free and in a position to use your judgment when the time came. If anything should prevent the appointment of Miller I think Macfarlane would be a good man. He was my colleague in the representation of Cumberland from 1855 until the Union, and for several years a member of the Government. A man of high character and large means and always an unswerving supporter of the Conservative party. While I have given my opinions and views to you thus freely I beg to assure you that whatever you and Mr. McLehlan decide upon will be quite satisfactory to me. I have not given Miller the slightest hint and he at this moment looks upon me as unfriendly. I saw Burpee on my way through St. John and had a frank conversation with him. He told me, confidentially of course, that his feelings and views were much more in accord with our party than with the Opposition, and that he told Blake after his conversation with me in Ottawa that he must not rely upon him for support as he could not assist him as matters stood. He said that at present he is too deeply involved with important business responsibilities to enable him to go into the Government if invited, but that that alone stood in the way. I am sure he may be counted with you at no distant day.

With best wishes and kind regards to all your colleagues,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Charles Tupper.

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