

to favor the Union, is the defence of the Provinces, in the event of a war with the United States. Many erroneous opinions are entertained on this subject, and in high quarters too. In case of such a war, it is certain that the borders and coasts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia would be in imminent danger of invasion, though very much less than Canada; and therefore neither of these two lower Provinces would be able to spare any of its Volunteer or Militia force, to assist in defending Canada; nor could Canada spare any such forces to assist the others. Even during the late Fenian troubles, no such reciprocal or mutual assistance could safely have been afforded. Had all the Provinces been united, all the circumstances on that point, would have been precisely the same. Now, suppose a Union effected, and a war with the United States, without doubt Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, would be *simultaneously* attacked, by very far more numerous and dangerous hosts than any which the villainous Fenians can command. In that event, can it be imagined that any Governor-General would think of calling the smallest number of the Militia force of any of these lower Provinces, into Canada, or of sending to them any such Canadian force. It is absolutely certain, that no such force could be spared from any one of the Provinces, to assist another, except, indeed, that Nova Scotia might do it, to some limited extent, for New Brunswick. Each one would require the whole of its military population for its own defence; and moreover, *only* when combined in each quarter, with large numbers of Imperial troops, would there be a sufficient force to resist successfully the numerous and formidable armies of the enemy, which would constantly and fiercely be rushing on various parts of the provincial borders. But, further, it would seem that the Governor-General has *now* the power of calling the Militia of one Province into another, in any case of hostilities and urgent need, or if not, and thought requisite, enactments may at present be made in the parliament of each Province giving him that power.

This obnoxious Union project, if forced upon the people of Nova Scotia, without their being constitutionally and fairly consulted upon it, as is now attempted by the government delegates, would greatly diminish the means of resisting and repelling any invasion from the neighbouring Republic. Such a compulsory measure would *create* and *perpetuate* such a deep feeling of discontent, and even *alienation*, as regarded the *supreme rulers*, and the country that had used their power to accomplish the wrong,

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