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Draft of letter from Neilson in reply to Mackenzie's of the 18th Novr. Mackenzie was wrong in supposing that political differences have affected Neilson's feelings towards him. Neilson is not in any way responsible for the *Gazette*, which since 1822 has been controlled by his son. Many of the articles, he disapproves of. In public affairs in Lower Canada his aim has been to secure a condition, in which due influence should be exercised to prevent wrongdoing on the part of the Government, and to ensure that the interests of the colonists should be consulted. This he believed had been secured. Self-government inexpedient at the time. His views on the best policy to pursue. Conditions in Canada essentially different from those in the American colonies at time of Revolution. Many things to be thankful for in the British connection. Likelihood that their descendants may suffer more risk from anarchy and popular despotism, than from power or influence from Europe. Papineau generally well intentioned but lacks self-control. Evils of rule of a majority of national origin, different from minority. He is a firm believer in toleration as basis for national wellbeing. No necessity for changes of constitution. Colonial constitutions should be founded on that of Great Britain. Good opinion of Mr. Mackenzie.

Carouge,
24th Novr.,
1835.

Neilson to . (Draft.) Introducing Revd. Egerton Ryerson, who is going to England on public business.

Quebec,
30th Novr.,
1835.

James Turpin to Neilson. Asking for a great deal of statistical information for use in a publication he is issuing.

Montreal,
Decr.,
1835.

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Prothono-
tary's Office,
Quebec,
4th Decr.,
1835.

David Brown to Neilson. Respecting the interests of the Church of Scotland in Canada, which were endangered by the bill for the abolition of the Clergy Reserves.

Quebec,
4th Decr.

Redfern to Neilson. Conveying to him the thanks of the Megantic Central Branch Constitutional Association for acting as delegate to England.

Received,
6th Decr.,
1835.

Resolutions adopted at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Quebec Constitutional Association, as to furnishing evidence to the Royal Commissioners respecting the state of the Province.

Quebec,
21st Decr.,
1835.

John Davidson to Captain Goldie. Introducing John Neilson.

22nd Decr.,
1835.

J. J. Girouard to Neilson. (In French.) Thanks for a copy of his report. The committee has it under consideration, and would be glad of any suggestions he may be disposed to make.

23rd Decr.,
1835.

W. L. Mackenzie to Neilson. Acknowledging a letter. Reluctant to accept compliment on his loyalty, which for reasons which he states, is less pronounced than formerly. Misgovernment indicated by slow increase of population. His reasons for preferring election to appointment, as a means of obtaining legislators. Banking system preparing way for independence as it did in the United States. Desirability of Papineau and Neilson ending their differences. Just grievances of the French Canadians. Grievances from which Upper Canada suffers from the existing system. Comments on the Constitutional Association of Montreal and Quebec. A proper system would place such men as Messrs Young, Stuart and Neilson in the councils of the Lower Canadians. Legislative Union would be without efficacy. Annexation of Montreal an improper measure, if achieved against wishes of people.

Toronto,
28th Decr.,
1835.