

We learn with satisfaction that, in conformity with the announcement which Your Excellency made from the Throne at the end of the last Session of Parliament, a deputation from the Canadian Ministry proceeded to *London* to confer with Her Majesty's Government on questions of importance to the Province.

We thank Your Excellency for having called Parliament together at the earliest convenient moment after the return of the deputation, in order that it may receive the Report of their mission and complete the important business which, at the conclusion of the last Session, was left unfinished.

The correspondence referring to the mission to *England*, which Your Excellency is pleased to say you have directed to be communicated to this House, shall receive our most attentive consideration.

We agree with Your Excellency that the happy termination of the civil war which has for the last four years prevailed in the *United States of America* cannot fail to exercise a beneficial influence on the commercial and industrial interests of this Province, and that we may trust that the re-establishment of peace will lead to a constantly increasing development of friendly relations between our people and the citizens of the great Republic.

We learn with the greatest pleasure that the circumstances which rendered it necessary to place a portion of the Volunteer Militia of the Province on permanent duty, having ceased to exist, the force has been recalled; and we join with Your Excellency in expressing a feeling of satisfaction at the readiness with which the men responded to the call of duty, and the general good conduct which they exhibited during the period of their service.

We acknowledge, with thankfulness, Your Excellency's assurance that you have not failed to transmit to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty, the Address to which this House agreed during the last Session, in favor of a Federal Union of the Colonies of *British North America*, and that you have desired that the reply of the Secretary of State shall be communicated to this House; and we unite with Your Excellency in trusting that mature examination of the project will ere long induce the Legislatures of the other Provinces to concur with that of this Province in giving their sanction to a measure which has been adopted as a great feature of Imperial policy, and has been twice noticed with approbation in Her Majesty's Speeches from the Throne.

Which said Address, being read by the Clerk, was unanimously agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed, and that the same be signed by the Honorable the Speaker of this House.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the said Address.

The Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau* reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency would please to appoint to be attended with the Address of this House, and that His Excellency had appointed Saturday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Government House in this city.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

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The Governor General transmits for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, copies of a correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relating to the deputation from the Executive Council which proceeded to England in order to confer with Her Majesty's Government on questions of importance to this Province.

*Quebec*, August 9th, 1865.