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Sir Edmund Head, to the Lieutenant Governor, New Brunswick.

Quebec, 9th September, 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit for Your Excellency's information, the enclosed Copy of a minute of the Executive Council of Canada, approved by myself, on the subject of a Federative Union of the British North American Provinces.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) EDMUND HEAD.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, dated 4th September, 1858, approved by His Excellency the Governor General.

The Committee of Council are respectfully of opinion, that it is expedient to bring the subject of the Union of the British North American Colonies, under the notice of Her Majesty's Government, with as little delay as possible, and to inform the Government of each such Colony that the attention of Her Majesty has been called to the subject by Your Excellency.

That Your Excellency should submit to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, for the Colonies, the propriety of authorizing a meeting of Delegates on behalf of each Colony and of Upper and Lower Canada respectively, for the purpose of considering the subject of such Federative Union, and reporting on the principles on which the same could properly be based.

That such Delegates should be appointed by the Executive Government of each Colony, and meet with as little delay as possible.

That the Report of such Delegates should be addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that a Copy of it, as soon as it is prepared, should be placed in the hands of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of each Colony, in order that they may lay the same before the Provincial Parliament, with as little delay as possible.

Certified,

(Signed,) Wm. H. LEE,
C. E. C.
