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*Government House, Prince Edward Island,  
17th February, 1864.*

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt this day of your despatch of the 5th inst., in which you bring under my notice an extract from your speech to the Legislature of Nova Scotia, which has reference to a Legislative union of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

I shall, at the earliest opportunity, bring under the notice of the Executive Council of this Province, the resolution which, in accordance with the announcement in your speech, your ministers propose to submit to the Legislature of Nova Scotia on this important question.

I have the honor to be, &amp;c.,

(Signed) GEORGE DUNDAS.  
Lieutenant Governor.

To His Excellency HASTINGS DOYLE.

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*Government House, Halifax, 27th February, 1864.*

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 17th inst., and in reply have to state, that the Government here propose to introduce the following resolution upon the subject of the union of the maritime Provinces, but will defer doing so at present, in order that they may receive any suggestion upon the terms of the resolution which your Government may wish to offer, as it is certainly much to be desired that the wording of the resolutions proposed to the different Legislatures should be as nearly identical as possible.

I have the honor to be, &amp;c.,

(Signed) HASTINGS DOYLE.

To His Excellency ARTHUR H. GORDON,  
The Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick.

“*Resolved, That His Excellency the Administrator of the Government be requested to appoint delegates (not to exceed five) to confer with delegates who may be appointed by the Governments of New Brunswick and Prince Edward’s Island, for the purpose of arranging a preliminary plan for the union of the three Provinces under one Government and Legislature, such union to take effect when confirmed by the Legislative enactments of the various Provinces interested and approved by Her Majesty the Queen.*”

A similar despatch was transmitted to the Lieut. Governor of Prince Edward Island.

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*Fredericton, N. B., 11th March, 1864.*

SIR,—

I have communicated to my Council the draft resolution, enclosed in your Excellency’s despatch of the 27th ult., and have now the honor to transmit