

(CIRCULAR.)

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Cobourg, January 7, 1865.

To the *Warden of Elgin County*

SIR,—

The Council of these United Counties, entertaining the opinion that injustice has been done to Upper Canada in the matter of its Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness, have determined (considering the present position of the Province as presenting a favorable opportunity) to bring the matter under the consideration of Government by a deputation appointed for that purpose.

The reasons and object of this conclusion are various, but will be obvious from two considerations: 1st, That the Deputy Auditor General has been investigating the subject, and that the result of his labours will be reported to Parliament during the coming session. 2nd, That the position assumed by Parliament relative to this question is calculated to do further injustice, from the announcement of the Finance Minister, that in the contemplated constitutional changes the Municipal Loan Fund debt is to be made a local debt; while liabilities incurred under the Seigneurial Tenure Act in Lower Canada are to be assumed by the Federal Government,—an expenditure of a purely local character.

Therefore, in accordance with the tenor of the annexed Resolution, I would respectfully request the co-operation of your Municipality, and the appointment of a deputation for the purpose indicated, so that persons so appointed shall proceed to Quebec on or about the 1st day of February ensuing.

It is also desirable that the influence of members representing either branch of the Legislature in your district be secured, and that whatever action you may take in the premises be communicated at an early day.

I have the honor to be, yours, &c., &c.,

(Signed,)

JOHN FISHER,
Warden, U. C. N. & D.

COPY OF RESOLUTION

Passed by the Council of the U. C. of Northumberland and Durham, January 6th, 1864.

"That it is expedient to appoint a delegation either at this or next session, composed of the most experienced members of the Council to wait on the Government, and that communication be at once had with all Municipalities in Upper Canada indebted to or who may have borrowed from the M. L. F., soliciting their co-operation and the appointment of delegates for a like purpose, all to act in concert, with the view of representing the matter fully to the Ministry and Parliament, in order to the equitable and final settlement of this question."

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