

offers or propositions; the first of which referring to the Memorandum of His Excellency, and to another letter written by Mr. Papineau, might be summed up as follows:

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“ With the situations of President of the Executive Council, of Attorney General for the Eastern division of the Province, and of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, which are placed at the disposal of yourself and friends, will you be able to find persons of your own origin, or enjoying the confidence of the population of your origin, who will consent to join the administration upon the conditions and for the ends mentioned in the Memorandum of His Excellency of which you have a copy.”

The second:

“ Will you yourself accept one of these situations, that of President of the Executive Council.”

That in order to be able to answer these inquiries, Mr. Caron desired to have categorical answers to the following questions which he had reduced to writing to prevent misconception.

1st Of the three situations offered, one only is vacant, that of President of the Council, the two others being still occupied; it is required to know whether those who hold these offices, and who will have to quit them, will be provided for otherwise under the Government, or not, and if they will be so provided for, in what manner will it be done?

2nd The person who now occupies the Lower Canada situation which is not offered to us, is he to continue to occupy that situation, or will he be (a) removed? (a) For “removed” read “changed”

3rd (b) To assist in making the arrangement in question, will the liberty and duty of proposing the names of those who should be parties to it, be assigned to any one, and to whom? (b) For “To assist in making” read “For the effecting of”

4th In submitting these names, is there any one, or more than one, whom it would be useless to propose, and if so, who are the persons?

5th Among those who enter office in accordance with the proposed arrangement, is it absolutely necessary that I should count as one?

Mr. Caron observed that these questions were put with the view of enabling him to reply to the first proposition (that relative to the arrangement); that to be in a condition to reply to the second proposition (that relating to himself personally), he desired an answer to the two following questions:

1st With the situation destined for me (the Presidency of the Council), shall I retain that which I now occupy (that of Speaker of the Legislative Council)?

2nd Is it to be understood that I take the situation of President of the Council in any case, whether the arrangement in contemplation take place or should fail?

Mr. Cayley having observed, that although he was nearly prepared to reply to these different questions, yet as they had been reduced to writing, he desired to obtain a copy, in order that he might make his replies in writing, and

The copy demanded having been furnished to him, Mr. Cayley, some time afterwards sent to Mr. Caron the following replies:

1st In Mr. Papineau's letter to Mr. Caron of the 1st April, that Gentleman places his office of Commissioner of Crown Lands unconditionally at the disposal of Mr. Caron and his friends taking office.