

vinces, is formerly brought before the people, it should be raised in such a manner and at such a time as would afford a reasonable prospect at least of arriving at a speedy and satisfactory conclusion. And without expressing any opinion as to the practicability or effect of such a Union as that referred to in the memorandum of the Council of Canada, the Council would state, that although the subject of a Union of the Colonies, has to some extent been discussed in the public press here, the attention of the Provincial Legislature has never been directed to this matter, nor has it been a prominent subject of consideration among the constituencies, and in this respect New Brunswick occupies a very different position from Canada. And it may be remarked that if the recommendation of the Canadian Government be adopted by the Secretary of State, the question of a Legislative Union with any or all of the other Provinces, must be excluded from consideration by the Commission.

Under these circumstances the Council would respectfully submit, that a reasonable time should be allowed for consideration, before the commencement of any such enquiry as that contemplated by the Government of Canada.

(Signed,)

CHARLES FISHER,  
T. L. TILLEY,  
JAMES BROWN,  
W. H. STEEVES,  
A. J. SMITH,  
CHARLES WALTERS.

[Copy.]  
No. 50.

Governor Manners Sutton, to Sir E. B. Lytton.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
*Fredericton, New Brunswick, 29th September, 1858.*

SIR,

9th Sept., 1858.

On the 17th instant, I received from the Governor General, the despatch of which a Copy is enclosed.

25th Sept., 1858.

I forthwith laid this despatch and its inclosure before my Council, and I have now the honor to transmit to you the Copy of a memorandum submitted to me by my Council on the important question to which Sir Edmund Head's Despatch refers.

This memorandum will, I know, receive your attentive consideration, and it only remains for me to state, that I entirely concur in the opinions expressed by my Council.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.