

That of two difficulties that hitherto Mr. Caron had encountered, he could say that one, that of Mr. Smith, had disappeared; that he was sure the arrangement would not fail upon that ground; that as to the other difficulty, that relative to Mr. Daly, he could say nothing positive; that all he could say was that he hoped to remove it; that probably the keeping Mr. Daly would not be insisted upon; that Mr. Caron was persuaded that a proposition made in this manner would not be acceded to by him to whom it would be offered; that he ought to be ready to say to him, here is the arrangement, here are the basis and the conditions upon which it is founded: will you take part in it?

That on this account Mr. Caron found himself in this perplexity: before he could address himself to the person of whom he had need, he must know how he stood with regard to Mr. Daly in order to be able to state it; whilst to obtain an answer from Mr. Cayley upon this point, it was necessary that Mr. Caron should be able to say whether the person whom he desired to address would take part in the arrangement or not.

That the same difficulty existed as to the third person that Mr. Caron had to see, who would not accept without knowing the names of all included in the arrangement; that for these reasons Mr. Caron desired, by return of post, to be assured that in yielding the point respecting Mr. Smith, Mr. Caron would be certain to gain that of Mr. Daly; with the understanding that the thing should be done in the best possible manner; that upon this article Mr. Caron must be firm; that when he should know Mr. Cayley ~~was~~ he would communicate with two Gentlemen to whom he wished to address himself, and if they accepted his offers, Mr. Caron would convey to Mr. Cayley a final reply, in which Mr. Caron would communicate to the latter the names of his French Canadian Members of the Administration, in adding that those who were to compose it, had accepted or consented to act under the expectation that it would be possible for them to obtain the services of Mr. * * * * or the services of any other person of British extraction ~~upon whom they should agree.~~ *might be agreed upon.*

Mr. Caron added that he was ready to lend himself to whatever could be suggested to avoid hurting the delicacy of all the parties, but that he must have given to him the latitude necessary to enable him to act, and he terminated by saying that with the concessions that he demanded, he saw nothing to prevent the arrangement being brought to a conclusion.

[Translation.]

Mr. Cayley has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Memorandum written by Mr. Caron, giving the substance of a letter dated 14th April addressed by Mr. Caron to a third party, for the purpose of being communicated to Mr. Cayley.

Mr. Cayley begs in the first place to point out an error into which Mr. Caron appears to have fallen, in supposing that the invitation to him to make a counter proposition was intended as an invitation to furnish the names of three Gentlemen who with himself should compose the Administration for Lower Canada, and begs to express his doubts whether the passage in question will bear any such construction.

While assuring Mr. Caron of the gratification which the Members of the Government have derived from the announcement made by him that he has found his friends both at Montreal and Quebec strongly disposed to assist him in his efforts to effect the arrangement which he had undertaken, Mr. Cayley cannot avoid expressing his regret and that of his colleagues at finding that a difficulty from another quarter has sprung up, calculated to disappoint hopes so justly conceived, and bring the negotiations to an unsuccessful termination. Mr. Caron states that a Gentleman whose assistance and concurrence are essential to any arrangement to be effected, cannot be communicated with nor his views ascertained