

*Mr. Cardwell to Lieutenant Governor Sir R. MacDonnell.*

(Copy—*Nova Scotia*—No. 39.)

DOWNING STREET, 28th July, 1865.

SIR,—I have received your Despatch of the 21st June, No. 89, announcing that the Honorable Dr. *Tupper*, Provincial Secretary, and the Honorable *W. A. Henry*, Attorney General, had been appointed Delegates on behalf of *Nova Scotia*, to confer with Her Majesty's Government on the subject of the Reciprocity Treaty, and on other topics affecting the interests of the Colony.

I have had the honor to receive, and have conferred with these gentlemen, and have read to them the Despatches which I have addressed to you on this subject.

I have also spoken with them on the proposed union of the Maritime Provinces, and have taken the opportunity of expressing myself to them on the subject of Confederation, in accordance with the Despatches in your possession, in which the views of Her Majesty's Government have been conveyed.

I have stated that Her Majesty's Government can give no countenance to any proposals which would lead to delay the Confederation of all the Provinces, which they are so desirous to promote, and can only aid in the promotion of a closer union between *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick* if that closer union be ancillary to and form part of the scheme for General Union.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Lieutenant Governor Sir *R. G. MacDonnell*, C.B., &c.

*Mr. Cardwell to Viscount Monck.*

[Copy—*Canada*—No. 127.]

DOWNING STREET, 5th August, 1865.

(No. 58), July 15th, 1865.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship a (No. 91), August 4th, 1865. copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick*, enclosing a Resolution of the Executive Council of that Province, expressive of their opinion on the subject of Confederation, together with a copy of my reply.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor Viscount *Monck*, &c.

*Honorable A. H. Gordon to Mr. Cardwell.*

[Copy—No. 58.]

FREDERICTON, 15th July, 1865.

SIR,—I received, by the last mail, your Despatch, No. 81, of the 24th June. I thought desirable that its contents should be immediately made public, and I accordingly directed it to be published in the last issue of the *Royal Gazette*.

2. I, of course, lost no time in communicating a copy of the Despatch and its enclosures to my Executive Council, and I have now the honor to transmit to you the copy of a Minute of that body with reference thereto.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR H. GORDON.

Right Honorable *Edward Cardwell*.

[Copy.]

To His Excellency the Honorable *Arthur Hamilton Gordon*, C. M. G., Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of *New Brunswick* :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The Executive Council in Committee have had under consideration a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 24th June, lately communicated to them by Your Excellency.