

adequate importance; that there should be a cordial co-operation and sympathy between him and them; that the Council should be responsible to the Provincial Parliament and the people; and that when the acts of the Governor are such as they do not choose to be responsible for, they should be at liberty to resign; then I entirely agree with you, and see no impracticability in carrying on Responsible Government in a colony on this footing; provided that the respective parties engaged in the undertaking be guided by moderation, honest purpose, common sense, and equitable minds devoid of party spirit.

As you have considerately tendered to me your advice in the supposition that I stood in need of it, I trust that I may, without offence, offer some counsel in return.

You have all the essentials of Responsible Government. Keep it. Cling to it. Do not throw it away by grasping at impossibilities. Do not lose the substance by snatching at a shadow.

You desire to perpetuate your union with the British Empire. Do not imagine that this purpose can be promoted by obstructing her Majesty's Government, in order to reduce its authority to a nullity. You have every privilege freely granted that is compatible with the maintenance of that union. Her Majesty's Government has no inclination to exercise any unnecessary interference in your local affairs; but can never consent to the prostration of the honour and dignity of the Crown; and I cannot be the traitor that would sign the death-warrant of British connection.

Cherish Responsible Government and British connection. Let them work together in harmony and unison in a practicable manner. Let no man put them asunder. But do not pursue a course that must destroy one or the other, or both. This advice is offered with perfect sincerity by a friend whose only interest in the counsel that he gives is an anxious desire to secure the welfare of Canada and the integrity of the British Empire.

THE END.