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COPY of a DESPATCH from GOVERNOR SIR E. HEAD to SIR E. B. LYTTON.

(No. 118.)

Quebec, September 9, 1858.

SIR,

(Received September 22, 1858.)

I HAVE the honour to inclose a copy of a Minute of a Committee of the Executive Council of Canada, approved by myself this day, on the subject of the union of the British North American Provinces.

In accordance with the views of my Council, I would urge on Her Majesty's Government the consideration of this important matter.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) EDMUND HEAD.

The Right Hon. Sir E. B. Lytton,  
&c. &c. &c.

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COPY of a REPORT of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, dated September 4, 1858, approved by his Excellency the Governor-General in Council on September 9, 1858.

THE Committee of Council are respectfully of opinion that it is expedient to bring the subject of the union of the British North American colonies under the notice of Her Majesty's Government with as little delay as possible, and to inform the Government of each such colony that the attention of Her Majesty has been called to the subject by your Excellency;

That your Excellency should submit to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies the propriety of authorizing a meeting of delegates on behalf of each colony, and of Upper and Lower Canada respectively, for the purpose of considering the subject of such Federative union, and reporting on the principles on which the same could properly be based;

That such delegates should be appointed by the Executive Government of each colony, and meet with as little delay as possible;

That the report of such delegates should be addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that a copy of it, as soon as it is prepared, should be placed in the hands of the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of each colony, in order that he may lay the same before the Provincial Parliament with as little delay as possible.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from SIR E. B. LYTTON to GOVERNOR SIR E. HEAD.

SIR,

Downing Street, October 26, 1858.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 118 of the 9th of September, transmitting a copy of a Minute of a Committee of the Executive Committee of Canada, on the subject of the union of the British North American Provinces.

This question will receive the careful consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) E. B. LYTTON.

Governor Sir E. Head,  
&c. &c. &c.