

No. 1.  
Sir C. Campbell  
to  
Lord John Russell,  
1st March 1840.

Enclosure No. 3.

Practice of the British Constitution than those which have been promulgated for the Government of a Province, but recently agitated by Disaffection and Rebellion.

Should your Excellency, upon reconsidering this Subject, upon referring to the Governor General's Message of the 14th January, in which he declares his earnest and anxious Desire to discharge the Trust committed to him in accordance with the Principles announced, still feel compelled to disappoint the just Hopes of the People of Nova Scotia, this House will feel unfeigned Sorrow; but in the meantime they trust they need not assure your Excellency of their Desire to preserve the Tranquillity of the Province, and to insure the harmonious Action of the different Branches of the Government.

House of Assembly,  
12th Feb. 1840.

(Signed) S. G. W. ARCHIBALD,  
Speaker.

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Enclosure No. 4.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,  
I have given to this Address the deep Consideration to which the Opinion of the Representatives of the People is justly entitled.

By adopting the Course you suggest I should practically recognize a fundamental Change in the Colonial Constitution which I cannot certainly discover to have been designed by the Dispatch of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies of the 16th October, in the Manner and to the Extent supposed by you.

In exercising the solemn Trust committed to me by my Sovereign, I feel it to be my Duty not to establish a Principle involving Consequences of deep Moment, on which any Uncertainty rests, until Her Majesty's Ministers shall have been consulted, and the Judgment of The Queen ascertained.

It is therefore my Intention immediately to bring to the Notice of Her Majesty's Government the Addresses and Resolutions you have lately passed on the Subject.

In the meantime I shall be constantly ready to yield my Concurrence to any Measures you may adopt, which in my Judgment are calculated to promote the Welfare of Her Majesty's loyal Subjects the People of this Province whom you represent.

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No. 2.

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4th April 1840.

(No. 18.)  
EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Lieut. General SIR COLIN CAMPBELL K.C.B. to  
LORD JOHN RUSSELL.

Government House, Halifax, 4th April 1840.

In a Conversation which I had with the Attorney General Yesterday, relative to the Addresses of the House of Assembly, declaring their want of Confidence in the Executive Council, he requested permission to state his views on the subject in writing; and I have now the Honour to enclose the Copy of a Letter which I have received from him.

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My dear Sir Colin,  
Your Excellency is aware that, as Speaker of the Assembly, I could offer no Opinion on the Addresses which passed in the House on the Subject of the Council, without violating the Parliamentary Rule which has ever governed the Assembly here; and I feel obliged to your Excellency for not referring to me, under those Circumstances, for any Opinion as to the Course you ought to pursue.

Halifax, 3d April 1840.

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