

Toronto Feb 12/58

Private

My dear Benjamin

~~Before~~ I got yours of
the 9th I had found your
prev. & second award
a & Boyer had acted on
it. - It was necessary
to suspend or remove
Friden. I do not know yet
which. He is finally
dismissed which I fear
must happen. Successor
must be appointed. This
won't happen until Bayley's
return from Europe.

Of course he will
consult you on the subject, so
that the new man may be
pleasing to our friends in
Hastings. Yours always
G. M. M. M. M.

Inchu July 11/60

Parents

My dear Benjamin

I am sorry to hear
you are a rather long time
unwell, but hope see this
week you. that you are
OK again. I will speak
to Sherrwood about business.

There are lots of applications
for the Secretary of Peace
Edward. but nothing will
be done unless we get
as the Council are scattered
to the four winds of Heaven

I hope to see you
shortly. Yours faithfully

Sherrwood
Benjamin Esq

Lutes July 26/88

Private

My dear Benjamin

Capt H. Smith will I suppose be here on Sunday. Write me in full again what you want in re Newbury - unless you come down - which I suppose you will do.

Henry Thorpe has been appointed Sheriff of New. I deemed being recommended by almost every leading man in it. I was quite up to Charles Wilson Caniff Haight & Co. Leviscento is a good man but an absentee would not have done. He can bite his tongue. I have should not come down until Galt arrives. I will be guided by your advice in dealing with him.

Respect

Yours always

Shull

willing to swear to it. Now
whatever has passed, certain I am,
I never gave you cause to use
such an expression. Few public
men take up less of your time
than I do, I have never kept upon
special solicitations, troubled you
at your own dwelling, and I can
not conceive that I have done
anything to cause me to be fully ob-
noxious to you. Of course I have
no right to question your likes
and dislikes, but of the political
intimacy of truth, of peace, and unity,
which I can honestly say, I have
always made my own position
a secondary consideration
to yours, in all our intercourse,
I did not want to be told such
a tale by Mr Powell. I saw nothing
that could place my conduct
on a par with his, and I

Private

London 13 August 1861

Dear Sir,

I have wanted till
I am obliged to leave, as I have
to make arrangements to leave
by Rail to day. I regret that it was
not convenient for you to keep
the appointment for to day. It was the
more necessary this appointment should
have been kept, as the contents of your
note, whereby you made it, was such,
that it showed there was a change in
the nature of our relations towards each
other - a change certainly not of my
seeking, and it remains for you to
satisfy yourself that it is not of yours.

You say I have been
talking to my wife about you, and
that good natured friends of both
of us take good care to convey to you
with exaggerations all my compli-
mentary remarks. There is no doubt,
there are friends of this kind about,
but they must not exaggerate, but
direct and pursue, to do as you

note intimates has been done.
You must admit however that
I have quietly submitted to the
postponement of several matters
which I have had before the Govern-
ment's consideration for many months
never desiring to embarrass, but now
I have good reason to ask to have
them settled at once, when I see ar-
rangements made to suit and protect
interest of parties, who have been anything
but firm supports of your Government, and
I was still more inclined to hope this
from your having told me, that at once
as Mr. Salt left you would attend
to my matters, and to the most im-
portant that of the Sheriff. But delay a-
gain appeared to be the order of the
day, and I felt hurt, that I should be
again stayed between home, without
anything being done, as you appeared
to arrive me. When under this feeling
I met Mr. Powell who stopped me, and
asked if I had any news. I told him
I had not. He then said Foley was the

appointed P.M. I told him, I
did not believe it, to which he at once
added, "Will Benjamin do you know
that you and I will never be drawn
in our political position, while he is
at the head of affairs," to which I an-
swered "It was possible, and that
you were quite aware of my opinion
upon the matter," he continued, "do
you know that Mason had
been heard to say that he hated
both you and I & that deep, that
he could not see us before him?"
I told him, "I was not aware he
had said so, and could not
think it" His reply was "It is a
fact, I assure you." I rejoined "You
don't mean to tell me you
know it to be true," to which he
answered "So true that I am

Must confess, I did feel hurt.²
No man has displayed more
sincere zeal that I have, for your
interest and position, and I have
at all times and from time to
time depended upon you as
one who could not be doubted.
In no one instance have I failed
you, but your promises to me, as
well for the interests of others, as myself,
remain beautifully filled. I do not
say what I now write to the letter
is an error, but it does appear
to me that you think, that from
the fact of your knowing, that
as I grow older and in years,
I need better, and need some-
thing to write upon, and you
know that I am so perfectly at
variance with the other parties, that
I must depend upon you for

that retiring position; but should
mistake me, rather than sub-
mit to this I would break stones
on the spot for a living. No
reasoned I may be mistaken,
but it looks as if you were prepared
to convert your promises for fear
I should go over to your enemies.
Nothing in my life would wor-
runt such a supposition. To
abandon my party and political
friends is what I never can
do; but I have worked too
long, - too faithfully and too
zealously to maintain that
your interests, to be outaged
in my old days.

I do not deny in this
letter to renew any former appli-
cations, as it unites with

you & to determine, whether
our intercourse is to continue
on its old foundation, or
whether entirely new relations
are to be called into existence.

Your Obedt
W. P. Garrison

Wm. A. Bradford

London Sept 11/61

Private & Confidential

My dear Key

I have just read yours
& concern that I should
not attend meetings - The
N C's have all been written
to, but after the nomination
& before polling influential
men will be sent to stir them
up. - It is labour in vain
to do so now, as it will have
all to be done over again. Key
(the N C's) are all well & paid.

Some telegraphs were
sent he wants you up on
Saturday at the nomination

You would do some
good at home, were he
a man of discretion. But

he is impulsive & apt to
go too far. He wants a Gentle
- I cannot ask you to go up
as a Cool Head, for you
are as hot-headed as any
one, but you have a long
head, which will advise
him rightly. Besides, I want
you to go up to get some

friends. I have been warning
Sid. not to throw away
his money as he usually
does. The only way to
use money with advantage
in a large business
is to employ Jews. Well
influential farmers in
each country to bring

up the votes within vicinity -
Cash is rather scarce
but he will have some

just to write
Yours

J. M. W.

Geo. W. W. W. W. W.
Baltimore

Luce Oct 21/61

Private

My dear Sir & Mrs.

I was made an
Oratorian at Kingstons
- I think being Master.
I took no other degree
there - After I was in
Coll. - when it was sitting
in Montreal - O. R. G. was
an M. P. and found
Master. I forget the Year
but think it must have
been in 45 or 46 - A depu-
tation came from New
Brunswick on Oratorian
& O. R. G. gave them all
the degrees including that
of Knight Templar - as
he wished to give the

they come & eat. We got
all the M.P.s who were
of the order to join in
the thing & we then took
all the degrees. You can
give us a description
as he called it. I'm one
evening the N. B. B. B.
Gentlemen & the others
took all the degrees one
after the other. The M.P.s
were. If I remember
rightly -

W. H. Boulton Toronto

G. B. Hall Peterboro'

Geo. McDonald Dundas

& myself -

We got no certificates
& I have never been in
any lodge since. I have

forgotten every particuler
respecting the Ceremony

I was not at all sure
that the Cypher belonged
to the order when I gave
it to Sidney. You caught
it to me as a good Cypher
by which you & I could
communicate. I afterwards
gave it to several of my
colleagues. Before the
elections, I showed you
another Cypher. when you
said that the first one
had been the wrong

one - Yours fraternally
Mullendore

Geo. Baynes Esq -

Kingston May 21/63.

Private

My dear Benjamin

I am in the middle
of a fight for Town & County -

I will win easily but
doubt ought not to have attained
things day as he has done -

It will compel me to work
which I haven't strength
to do - Ferguson is running
well for Frontenac -

As to money - I have not
a dollar. I hope to have
some by a raise. but I
will want a good deal
for my election. It appears
to me that you should have
no difficulty in getting money
from your Wellville friends

as a discount on your
Salary as Speaker. It is
quite certain that you will
be elected Speaker, if elected
Member. So that it is
worth while to invest
a considerable sum of money
in getting you seat.

I will write on Monday

Yours always

Abraham Lincoln

Geo. Peckham

Kingston June 3/63
Private

My dear Benjamin

I have not Robt Keane's
letter by me, but from my
recollection, it was an
expression of strong regret
that Candidates could
not be found on the ^{pro} side for either of the ^{two} meetings
of Hastings - I much regret
your retirement, but we must
try to take care of you whenever
we have the power.

If Mr Graham wants the
loan I offered you, I will
give it to him - He can
repay me when convenient
- I will be in no hurry for it

I will also assist Gould
and take my pay in
printing. Tell him so.

That little Cuse fel-
is giving me trouble here
but he will be soundly
beashed. Ferguson is
running well in Frontenac

Hooper will, I think
beat Cartwright by the
Census vote - but it is
very uncertain.

Subasta

fulfilling yours

Shullman and

Geo Bayard

Pellville

Ipswich July 8/64

Private

My dear Bayard

Nothing has been done
about the contract for
removing to Ottawa
since I wrote you last.

You may depend on
the nine old members
of the Govt supporting you
so far as they can. Indeed
I don't see that any one
is particularly interested
in opposing you. I presume
the Board of Works will
offer the thing by Tender
and you must make
your calculations accordingly.
I fancy the Chief Justice

you will have to fear will
be 1 The 4 I Raduz & Percott
& Ottawa R. -

2 Mr. Dackinson
forwarder of Ottawa

It appears to me that
the Departmental matter
should certainly go by
water - We have not talked
about Ottawa at all
since the new Govt has
been formed. We can
not do so till the new
men come back.

Yours truly,

J. M. Macdonald
Geo. Baymouday

P.S. I will keep you posted
make your calculations
for a low Bid - & look
out for E. H. -

Toronto february 9/58

My dear Bayne.

I will do what I can
for Mornau, but I am afraid
he is a bad lot. - I have no
doubt Louis Wallbridge lied
about what Smith said, but
he is so very independent that
he may have given Colom. rather
assent. Wallbridge has not
been thought of for Solicitor Genl.
- if Smith is speaker. Smith is
famous to get more further Chair.
but we cannot be sure until
the last moment. -

The fact of Ross joining
the fort should be a proof of no
further aid being granted.

None will be granted - And
we must see that that is pro.

- claimed in the most unmistakable
manner.

What a scrape Fiedler
has got into! I am sorry
John - faithfully yours

Wm. McDonald

Geo. Buznum Esq. Supp
Belleville

and I will send it the right
time. - ^{My} Cameron is I think
going to retire into private
life. He is in pecuniary difficulties
& sorrow has it that he has
made an error. This I believe
- Halden is also out of the
question. Infants & will
be Brown & Boulton I suppose
- Perhaps your Committee as to
J.C. Morrison will be carried
out. The people of Hamilton
Louis Hads &c have combined
on Spence!!! but he won't
leave North Westworth. If
so. Burton or Isaac Buchanan
will probably run as independents.

I spoke to John Ross today &
procure Baldwin's qualifications
if it can be got. I will let
you know. -

The Banks did not pursue
a proper policy in not acting
in moving the crop after Clear

Toronto 4th Nov 1857.

Private & Confidential

My dear Benjamin

I had nothing
particular to write and so have
from day today postponed
answering your two last letters

Having a few minutes leisure
I intend to expend them on you.

In the first place - until Sir
Edmund arrives things must
remain as when I last saw
you. The moment the course
is determined on I will advise
you. - Meanwhile consider the
thing as most probable & act
accordingly. -

If we have elections
they must take place before
January because - 1st It would
hurt us to interfere with the
Municipal elections. The most
respectable men with C are our
friends. We want them at the

Polls. In January they will be
seeing their own or their friends
return for them several municipalities.

2^d. We must meet in February
and we must therefore leave
a month at least to prepare
our measures. We cannot
^{begin to} do this until the result of the
elections shows us that we
have a majority. -

3^d. There ~~is~~ is going to be a good
deal of distress in the country
- at present it has not begun.
- Now all popular discontent
take a political direction. The
suffering labouring population
will be sure to charge the fault
with the excess in England & the
States. The elections must take
place therefore soon as possible.

4 The times are so tight that the
opponents have no money to
fight at the polls against Govt

influence, which is in therefore
doubtly valuable.

I could go on giving you
many more reasons, but you
will probably think them sufficient.
So get ready like a good fellow.
I won't listen to you retiring
into private life, until you
have returned to your Constituents
& got their approbation. Do not
be a horse for one heat only. -

The Civil Service Bill would
be in your way as a collector
here or elsewhere. However often
by the aid of yourself & others we
are finally with the Saddle for 4 years
I am quite ready to see that
you are provided for in a manner
suitable to your standing &
satisfying to your friends. I
maintain several Contingencies
to you - all of which will be
available at the right time
Send me a sketch of what
you want me to write to Head

but I do not see what the Govt
could do. - They could not
order the Banks to be liberal.
They could not order them to
suspend. - They could not
ask the Legislature to pass
such an order. - If the Legislature
should force the Banks to
suspend against their will,
or even with their will, unless
a reason is given, they would
ruin our Credit in England.

If the Banks of ~~the~~ were
ordered & after a year should
be obliged to stop, the Govt Credit
is not affected thereby, and
we could step forward to
aid them - but a stoppage
forced into the first place by
the Govt would ruin the
Commercial Credit, & render
us powerless. It could be
as bad as suspending our

own debentures. This Country
is rich & there has not been
much over speculation, except
in particular localities
- we are distressed, because
our neighbors are ruined &
- our best chance to keep our
up & speedily to restore plenty
is to keep our credit good in
England. How proudly will
our Banks stand in England,
if they hold on. It will raise
Canadian stocks of every
description. We want the G.T.
to spend £3 and a half
millions within the next three
years, & they can't raise
the money, if our credit goes
down. Be ye be Horrors
enough of this. Paris has Joseph
Vernon Allen
G. Benjamin, J. Wood