

Mr. Connell said he held the Government responsible for the small protection they had given to Carleton. He considered that in His Excellency's reply to his colleague's letter there was couched an insinuation that they desired to get an expenditure of money in their section of the country, and that that was their reason for urging additional defence for Carleton. He said he was perfectly sincere, and in earnest, in fearing the possible occurrence of acts of aggression, and in urging the organizing of a limited number of men. He had told His Excellency, in case any emergency arose, that the people of Carleton would do what had been done in Canada, open subscriptions for the families of those who were sent to the frontier; so far as he was concerned he would most willingly subscribe to such a fund, and he would do more if any danger arose; if any conflict happened he would be with those people on the occasion. The letters he had just read had been published. But there were some documents which had not been published, to which he desired to draw the attention of the Government. The first was a communication from his colleague and himself to His Excellency, inclosing a letter from L. P. Fisher, Mayor of Woodstock, and others, inhabitants of Woodstock and vicinity, requesting them to urge on His Excellency the necessity of calling out a body of the Militia force of the County. This letter showed that the declarations made by his colleague and himself of the alarm in the County were not without foundation.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }  
22nd March, 1866. }

*May it please Your Excellency:*

The undersigned have received by mail last evening the enclosed letters, signed by L. P. Fisher, who is Mayor, J. R. Hartley, Warden, and J. C. Winslow, Clerk of the Peace, and Robert A. Hay, J. P., with one hundred and twenty-eight others, inhabitants of Woodstock and vicinity.

These letters, we think, will assure Your Excellency that we have only anticipated the wishes of the inhabitants in urging that Your Excellency would authorize the calling out of a limited portion of the Militia of Carleton County.

It is important that the existing alarm along the border should be allayed. While the inhabitants are ready to do their part, they feel they are entitled to the same consideration that some other parts of the Province are receiving.

In Your Excellency's reply (without date) to our communication upon the subject of Militia, Your Excellency seems to be under the impression that the inhabitants of Woodstock have been backward in tendering their services for the formation of the Home Guard. Immediately on Your Excellency's wish being communicated to the residents of Woodstock, the names of about one hundred volunteers were placed in the hands of the Lieutenant Colonel for transmission to Your Excellency. We believe that this company has not been recognized by Your Excellency, nor any arms distributed to them.

We can only repeat what we have already urged, that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that a limited portion

of the Militia may be called out to aid the inhabitants in guarding the frontier.

We have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's  
Most obedient servants,  
(Signed) CHAS. CONNELL,  
WM. LINDSAY.

To His Excellency the Honorable A. H. Gordon, C. M. G., Commander-in-Chief, &c.

WOODSTOCK. }  
20th MARCH, 1866. }

Messrs. Connell and Lindsay.—

Gents,—

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Woodstock and vicinity, beg to inform you that, owing to the organization in the United States known as the Fenian Brotherhood, and in the rumors that are every day becoming more startling, and as this section of the country is contiguous to the United States and entirely undefended, and open at any time to the incursions of predatory bands, the people generally feel themselves to be in a state of insecurity.

We, therefore, earnestly request that you will urge upon His Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, the importance of calling out a portion of the Militia force of the County.

L. P. FISHER,  
J. R. HARTLEY,  
R. H. HAY,

And one hundred and twenty-eight others

He would now read the reply of His Excellency to these communications, a document, it would seem, that the Government had not seen. It seemed to him that there was a change of base in this letter, and that it had been taken in order to put him in a false position.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
FREDERICTON, 22nd March, 1866. }

Gentlemen,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day, transmitting communications from the Mayor of Woodstock and others, on the subject of the alarm said to be felt by the inhabitants, in anticipation of an armed attack upon that place.

I am directed to request that you will furnish to these gentlemen a copy of His Excellency's letter to you of the 20th inst., in which the reasons why His Excellency does not, at the present time, feel justified in the adoption of extraordinary measures of precaution beyond those already taken, are fully set forth.

There is one passage in your letter which His Excellency desires to notice. You say that the inhabitants of Woodstock "feel that they are entitled to the same consideration as some other portions of the Province." Every part of the Province is, no doubt, entitled to receive, and does receive, the same consideration at His Excellency's hands. (Mr. Connell—He denied that distinctly.

He did not believe that.) But that the same measures of defence should be taken alike in all districts without regard to the greater or less degree of danger to which they may be exposed, is a proposition which will not, His Excellency thinks, be advanced by the gentlemen whose letters you have forwarded.

His Excellency was glad to hear from Mr. Connell, a few days since, an unequivocal avowal that he did not share this alarm, and did not anticipate serious danger, and that he admitted the cogency of the arguments adduced by His Excellency to prove the extreme improbability of any serious attempt in the direction of Woodstock. His Excellency is confident that if Mr. Connell gave public expression to the same sentiments it could not but have a most salutary influence in checking the apprehensions referred to.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,  
Your most obt. servant,  
(Signed) D. WILSON,  
Private Secretary.

Messrs. CONNELL & LINDSAY, &c. &c.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }  
24th MARCH, 1866. }

Gentlemen,—

At the request of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, we have the honor to enclose the reply of His Excellency to our communication enclosing the request from you and 128 others, urging the necessity of calling out a limited portion of the Militia of Carleton County.

Your obedient servants,  
CHAS. CONNELL,  
WM. LINDSAY.

To L. P. FISHER, Mayor,  
J. R. HARTLEY, Warden,  
J. C. WINSLOW, C. P.,  
R. H. HAY, J. P.,  
And 128 others, inhabitants of Woodstock and vicinity.

P. S.—You will please hand this with the enclosed to the proprietor of the *Sentinel* for publication.

He would now read his reply, dated 23rd March, to that communication from His Excellency, and His Excellency's reply of 29th March, which he had only received that day. (It seemed to him as a matter of courtesy he should have received an answer sooner.)

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }  
MARCH 23, 1866. }

*May it please your Excellency:*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's communication of the 22d inst., addressed to Mr. Lindsay and myself.

I am desirous to avoid any misapprehension on the part of your Excellency with regard to my opinion on the danger to be apprehended from invasion originating in the United States.

Your Excellency states that I made