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The Parliament of Victoria

FEDERAL UNION OF THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

COPY of a Letter from the Colonial Secretary, Tasmania, intimating that the Parliament of that Colony has revived the question of Federal Union, and has nominated Delegates.

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Tasmania,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
6th May, 1862.

SIR,

The subject of a conference of Delegates from the various Australian Colonies to construct a plan of representation for Federal action, having remained in suspense since the communications which took place with your predecessor, in the year 1860, I have now the honor to acquaint you that the Parliament of Tasmania, in its last session, revived the question, and directed that application should be made to the Government of Victoria with an expression of the readiness of this colony to take part in the movement.

The Parliament at the same time nominated Delegates to attend any Conference that might be appointed; and it is hoped that the recent circumstances which have led to the consideration of united Naval Defences, and other important questions of mutual interest, such as Lighthouses, Ocean Postage, Differential Duties, Patents, and others, may induce your Government to persevere in its movement for the initiation of some early measure on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

WM. HENTY.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary,
Melbourne, Victoria.