

Sir

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Finding that you have been imposed upon by Mr Elliott and made the Instrument by which he has conveyed the most Egregious falsehoods to Mr President Russell in two Letters written the 15 and 16th Uls. which tho they may for a moment deceive, yet must in the end resort with double force upon the Author, who when he finds one Scheme prove abortive, may probably try another and may wish to employ you on a similar occasion, particularly as His inventive Genius seems pretty fertile and the Indian name a very convenient one. I therefore think it but Justice to you Sir to give you fair warning to enable you to guard against any imposition of the like nature in future.

That Mr Elliott's situation should at present be rather unpleasant and irritating as he expresses it, does not at all surprise me; But that is a matter that only concerns himself. Now Mr Elliott who was not within a mile of the Garrison at the time could relate with such confidence, that the Indians made a noise and that the Garrison was ordered under arms to intimidate ^{them} when those upon the Spot. Wm his Coadjutor Mr Ironside knew nothing of the matter. I am at a loss to