

Dummond's Island 8th June
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Sir

I have had the honor of receiving your communication dated 10th March.

With regard to its contents I have not the least doubt in my mind, that the representations made to his Excellency the Commander of the Forces, is entirely founded upon groundless misrepresentations made by some malicious persons to the American Government -

In a Council held on the 26th ultimo by Lieut. Col. Mante, in which several of the principal Ottawa Chiefs were present, after having communicated to them the contents of your Letter - they denied the knowledge of any prisoners being forcibly detained, or otherwise, by their tribe.

The Honorable W. Claiborne D. Genl.

Ind. Affairs &c.