

of that Officer when appointed by me, having been well as usual, that he is perfectly master of the Shippawa, and Ottawa Languages, from a residence of many years amongst those people.

Altho I consider the appointment of Store keeper and Inspecter in the same Person, to be improper, yet, the system of whom whom which has been followed, has obliged the Person Administering this Government, to blend them together, in order to procure responsible people to hold the Office of Store keeper, for which he is obliged to give Security.

I think it proper, to mention, that previous to your Arrival in Canada, I had determined to have attempted a reformation in the Indian Department, and with this view, I had resolved to have appointed Superintendents at Fort George, and St. Josephs, and to have submitted such an arrangement to His Majesty's Minister, but your Excellency's appointment to be Governor in Chief, induced me to decline such a measure, until I knew what line of Policy was to be observed towards the Indian Nations.

Notwithstanding I have been
Obliged