

ANSWER.

Head-Quarters, November 3d, 1814.

SIR,

YOURS dated the 1st instant (by mistake I presume) is this moment received. There is an irrefragable argument against sending the article* you require, which you shall know in due season. Let then what can be usefully applied at fort Erie be freely used at the last moment only, and let me know positively, before noon to-morrow, your state of preparation.

I remain, &c.

*Lieut. Col. Hindman, U. S. Artillery, to Maj. Genl. Izard.**Fort Erie, Upper Canada, November 2d, 1814.*

SIR,

I HAVE this moment received a flag, which I send you by Lieutenant Robinson, dragoons. It is evident from some improper questions asked the picket guard, that something is brewing. A dragoon deserted last night from my picket guard, he will be able to tell the enemy much. By to-morrow night I think we shall be ready to blow up the place. If heavy boats are not sent, there will be a great sacrifice of artillery. I sent over yesterday ten or twelve pieces of heavy ordnance. I have fifteen or sixteen still

* NOTE.—There was at this time a great scarcity of powder with us.