

Indian Department
 Drummond Island 13th May 1878

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo. urging my answer to your letter dated York 17th February last enclosing a copy of General Darling's letter to you of the 19th December directing inquiry to be made "whether the motives that have induced Appikimack to quit our Service are those to which Mr Anderson ascribes his resignation, or whether American influence thro the medium of his wife &c &c"

In reply to which I beg leave to state that, tho I had made frequent inquiries on the subject previous to the receipt of your letter of the 17th February I could not obtain further information than I had already communicated consequent I delayed replying until the Ottawas would come for their presents when I thought if he had been influenced by American interest to relinquish his situation I should most probably have ascertained the facts.

That he is less attached to his English Father now than he ever has been I have no right to suspect, or that he resigned his situation thro American influence I have at present no reason to believe.

I can only add that when he first informed me of his intention to resign

To Colonel Swins-
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 York

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