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Dear Sir:-

Upon my return to Montreal after more than a month's absence I found awaiting me your letters of November 3rd and September 1st. The last mentioned letter should certainly have reached me before I left Montreal during the second week in October. As to why it did not do so I can offer no explanation.

You will remember that I wrote to you on August 19th, and I wish to inform you that on that same date I wrote to General MacBrien, Chief of the General Staff in Militia Headquarters in Ottawa, returning to him the papers which you had given me in Halifax.

I note that you consider that a miscarriage of justice has taken place and that you intend to follow the matter further. As I have no personal knowledge of the case, other than that disclosed by the correspondence and from what you told me in Halifax when I met you in company with your son, I think it would be well to send your letters on to the Militia Department at Ottawa, with whom I would recommend that you again take up the matter. I shall forward your two letters to them to-day and also the copy of your son's letter to you, and at the same time I shall ask them to send back to you at Halifax the file you gave me last spring. At the time you gave me the files you intimated that you had no further use for them, and it may be hard now to separate the correspondence you gave me from the other papers on file. I shall ask the Department to make a special effort to do so and I hope you may receive the correspondence in the course of a few days.