

Amherstburg 20 June 1820.

I have the honor to enclose to you a copy taken from the original in Col. Hawkins hand writing, of the Minutes sheet against me delivered in the Councils Quarters in presence of Capt Reed and Mr Jackson. I was informed of their meeting by the Colonel & attended at his Quarters, on the subject they leave to refer you to my letter of the 24th Ult. wherein I stated the Basis on which I had been informed he intended to erect the Superstructure & his astonishment at my appointment without his knowledge.

As far as relates to the late Superintendent the intimacy & brotherly friendship which has subsisted between him & me for upwards of 30 years, as is well known here to all who know us both, will overrule any thing the Perpetual States of my wish of having Mr Astin superseded; for I am no Hypocrite in my professions -

What he says on the subject of Mr Astin and Mr Richardson going to the Thames as having surprised

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