

Prefatory Note.

While engaged in investigating certain historical material in the Dominion Archives at Ottawa, I came upon some papers and letters which had been part of the official correspondence of the late Alexander Hamilton, of Queenston, Sheriff of Niagara. The papers were unlisted and uncalendared, and have not, I think, hitherto seen the light. They relate to the troubled period of the Mackenzie Rebellion, and reflect the anxiety of the authorities, especially those along the Niagara River, to maintain order, to prevent the spread of the movement and to avoid any incidents which might cause international complications. Having secured permission to use the material, I had it reproduced by photostat, and it is now printed for the first time.

In presenting the copies of the pamphlet, together with the photostat fac-similes, to the Niagara Historical Society, I do so as a slight tribute to the valuable researches and unwearied labours of Miss Janet Carnochan, whose fame as a student and writer of Canadian history has justly earned the admiration of her fellow-Canadians.

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