

The preceding being the last document which I desire to trespass upon your Lordship's time, in conclusion, permit me to entreat that you will call to remembrance the long interval of time which ungenerously and ungratefully has been allowed to intervene between the rendering of the services by Colonel Fitz Gibbon (which was during December, 1837) and their being acknowledged by some remunerative act of the government; the first step towards which was taken by Her Majesty's Representative, the Governor-General, *only* on the 28th of March, 1842: and let me beg of you to bear in mind the obdurate pertinacity with which your Lordship's predecessors hindered the gratitude of the Canadian Legislature from reaching and benefiting the brave and loyal officer whose services it desired to reward; and lastly, let me submit for your consideration, whether it will not be for your own fame to prove, by conferring some boon upon Colonel Fitz Gibbon, that the Government, of which you are so distinguished a member, both appreciate and *reward* services which their predecessors in office not only allowed to remain without recompence, but hindered from receiving *that* reward to which, in the judgment of the Legislature of Upper Canada, they were so strongly entitled.

Trusting that the devoted loyalty, the valor, and the talent, so universally exhibited by my friend, may touch kindred chords in your Lordship's breast, and influence both your heart and mind in his favor,

I have the honor to subscribe myself

With the greatest consideration,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's much obliged and very obedient servant,

(Signed) AUGUSTUS D'ESTE.