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SYDNEY TO HOPE.¹Lieutenant Gov^r HopeWHITEHALL 6th April 1786

Sir,

After the communication which I made to you in my Letter of this date of His Majesty's gracious approbation of your Proceedings in the Execution of the Duties of your Station, as well as of the favorable Opinion which His Majesty is pleased to entertain of your Ability, It cannot be supposed for a moment that any arrangement which may have occasioned a Change in your Situation can proceed from an idea of a deficiency on your part of those necessary Qualifications which ought to be possessed by a Person holding the distinguished Station in which you have been placed, or from any other Cause that can affect Your Character.

For some time previous to your Appointment to the Office of Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, His Majesty had it in contemplation to appoint a Governor General over his remaining American Dominions, not only with the view of uniting their general Strength and Interests, but for the more ready determination of Subjects upon which instant decision might be requisite. His Majesty upon this Idea has been pleased to fix upon S^r Guy Carleton, an Officer of High Rank and Character in His Military Profession, and peculiarly adapted by long experience for the regulation of Legislative, as well as Commercial and Political Concerns, to fill this very important Office.²

To complete the New Arrangement and invest S^r G. Carleton with the Authority which His Station necessarily requires, it has been found expedient to reduce the Powers which have hitherto been exercised by the Governors of Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as well as the designation of their Offices, by stiling them Lieutenant Governors, permitting the two latter nevertheless to enjoy the Emoluments heretofore annexed to their late Situation, and placing the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec upon a similar footing. It would be very desireable to His Majesty if in this Arrangement you could be accommodated agreeably to your Wishes, but under certain peculiar Circumstances His Majesty has thought it right that the Choice of the Lieutenant Governments of New Brunswick & Quebec should be left to Col^o Carleton.³ If he should prefer his present Situation

¹ Canadian Archives, Q 26—1, p. 82.

² The following, from the *London Gazette* of April 15th, 1786, shows how this intention was carried out. "The King has been pleased to appoint Sir Guy Carleton, Knight of the Most Hon. Order of the Bath, to be Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of Quebec, in America in the room of Sir Frederick Haldimand, K.B.

"The King has also been pleased to appoint the said Sir Guy Carleton to be Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of Nova Scotia, including the islands of St. John and Cape Breton, in America, in the room of John Parr, Esq.; and of the province of New Brunswick, in America, in the room of Thomas Carleton, Esq.

"The King has also been pleased to appoint the said Sir Guy Carleton to be General and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces in the above mentioned provinces and islands, and within the island of Newfoundland." See also *Quebec Gazette*, Aug. 17, 1786.

³ Col. Thomas Carleton was a brother of Sir Guy Carleton, and was at this time Lt. Governor of New Brunswick.