

*Copy of Letter to His Excellency SIR BENJAMIN
D'URBAN, G.C.B., K.C.H., Commanding the
Forces in Canada.*

TORONTO, 9th October, 1847.

SIR,

On the 27th ultimo, I had the honour of addressing to Assistant Commissary General Bailey, at Kingston, a letter respecting the transport of troops, &c., in other vessels than my own, across Lake Ontario,—(I having the contracts from Kingston to every British port on Lake Ontario, with the exception of the Bay of Quinte) ; and not having been favoured with a reply to that communication, I beg leave to bring the matter under the notice of His Excellency the Commander of the Forces ; and to furnish His Excellency with a copy of my letter to Mr. Bailey.

That letter was as follows :—

TORONTO, September 27, 1847.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, in which you state that you have received my letters acquainting you that I had placed the steamers *Admiral* and *Scotland* at your disposal for the transport of troops, &c., from Kingston to Hamilton or Queenston, as might be required ; but that no requisition had been received by you for the service alluded to—and that due notice would be given to me at any time that my boats might be required.

At the time you made that communication, you were aware that a requisition had been made to convey the troops on board the steamer *Magnet* (not one of my steamers, nor named in my contract for the transport of troops), from Kingston to Queenston, and that they would embark, either on that or the following day, on board the *Magnet*, but you made no allusion whatever to that circumstance.