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Letters Relating to the Claus Papers

Niagara, Sept. 25th, 1900.

DOUGLAS BRYMNER, ESQ.,
Public Archives, Ottawa.

SIR,—Would you be kind enough to let me know if, at the time our papers (Claus Papers) went to Ottawa, there were among them two books—one an Orderly Book of the 1st Lincoln Militia, and another which might be called a Letter Book, as it contained copies of letters sent and received by Col. William Claus, also a manuscript of 8 or 10 pages, called "The Origin of Many of the Ceremonies and Customs Among the Indians." I have reason to believe Mr. Kirby has kept some of the papers which should have gone to Ottawa, and, if so, he has no right to them, as I only allowed him to keep two or three for the signatures.

Yours truly,

C. A. M. CLAUS.

Ottawa, 27th September, 1900.

MRS. C. A. M. CLAUS.

MADAM,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th. The Orderly Book of the 1st Lincoln Militia, the Letter Book and the manuscript called "The Origin of Many of the Ceremonies and Customs among the Indians," were not received. I have examined carefully since your letter reached me, not only the catalogues, but the books themselves. There are orderly books of a good many militia regiments received from other sources, but there is no Orderly Book of the 1st Lincoln Militia.

I am pleased to know that it was, and still is, your intention to have all the Claus papers sent here, as I reported at the time they were received that there were deficiencies in the collection.

Your obedient servant,

DOUGLAS BRYMNER.

Niagara, Sept., 1900.

DOUGLAS BRYMNER, ESQ.,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have received your letter to-day, and I am very much annoyed to find that you have neither the books nor the manuscript. The Letter Book I did not find until some time after the papers had gone to