

account at the trial, and in order, it may be, to find out evidence to be made use of in a court of law, I feel it quite necessary that I should know whether, with or without permission from the Government, their attendance can be compelled.

You will confer upon me a great favour by putting me, as soon as may be convenient, in possession of your sentiments upon the matters stated in this Despatch, as I feel that the questions they involve are of the greatest moment to the administration of justice, and to the honour and stability of the Government.

I will not further swell this Despatch by the transmission of any official report from the law officers of the colony on the subject to which it has reference, but will content myself with adding that I have not failed to ascertain their opinion, which entirely agrees with the sentiments expressed in this Letter.

I have, &c.

(signed)

T. Maitland.

LETTER from *B. C. Beardsley*, Esq. to Colonel *Givins*, Indian Department.

Committee Room, Commons House of Assembly,
14th March 1828.

WHEREAS the House of Assembly have appointed a Committee to inquire into and report upon the Petition of William Forsyth, of Stamford, for inquiring into Crime and Outrage, with power to send for Persons and Papers, you are hereby required to attend the said Committee, in the Committee Room of the House of Assembly at noon to-morrow.

(signed) *B. C. Beardsley*, Chairman.

LETTER from Colonel *Givins* to *B. C. Beardsley*, Esq. Chairman.

SIR,

York, 15th March 1828.

I RECEIVED your Notice this morning to attend a Committee of the Honourable House of Assembly this day at noon; and, in consequence thereof, have made application to his Excellency the Major-general commanding for his permission for that purpose, but have not as yet received an answer thereto.

I have, &c.

(signed)

J. Givins, Sup^t Ind^a Affairs.

LETTER from *G. Hillier*, Esq. to Colonel *Givins*, Indian Department.

SIR,

Government House, York, 18 March 1828.

HAVING laid before the Lieutenant-governor and Major-general commanding, the summons which you have received to attend a Committee of the House of Assembly appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of William Forsyth, I have received his commands to acquaint you, that he cannot give the permission desired by you, not knowing what are the matters of which Mr. Forsyth complains, or what are the facts in regard to which it is desired to interrogate you.

I have, &c.

(signed)

G. Hillier.

B. C. Beardsley, Esq. to *Nathaniel Coffin*, Esq. Adjutant-general of Militia.

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LETTER from *N. Coffin*, Esq. to *B. C. Beardsley*, Esq. House of Assembly.

Adjutant-general's Office, York,
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(signed)

N. Coffin.

Adj^t Gen^l of Militia, Upper Canada.