

you have made known to the Sir Newtons the sentiments of the Commanders of the Forces as conveyed in the Military Secretary's Letter to Sir John Johnson of the 8<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1826. and on what day that communication was made to them.

Adverting to my Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. I have to request information whether you have had any communication with Mr. Anderson on the subject of Spigurnack's resignation, and whether you have obtained any particulars as to his real motives for quitting the service of Great Britain: The object is of importance, & to which I request your immediate attention, if you have not yet taken the steps required by my former Letter.

I cannot but avail myself of this opportunity of expressing my regret that I have not been honoured, thro' you or any other channel, with the further sentiments of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject on which I desired in my Letter of the 22 December, that His Excellency's pleasure & opinions might be taken. - If you have omitted to request a final communication of His wishes on the details necessarily connected with this object, or that more important matter should have prevented His Excellency from giving His attention to it, you cannot, nevertheless, be at any loss to obtain a sufficient knowledge of His views as to enable you to <sup>draw up yourself to</sup> lay before His Excellency those details which I formerly mentioned. - This I have now to desire you will do, and that you will endeavour to obtain an expression of His assent or disapproval as He may think proper, of the particulars to be submitted to Him; reporting fully to me the result.

There can be very little time or trouble required to comply with these Instructions, to which I desire your

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